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Story Thus Far

Enrolled in a curriculum of sword fights, sexual servitude and secret agendas, Utena bravely stays focused on her ultimate goal. And now, after all the subterfuge and drama, her dreams have come true. She's finally come face to face with her ever-elusive prince.

But her journey of self-discovery hasn't ended yet.

Utena has found her prince but there's still a lot of work to be done. She must stay strong against the will of Dios and she must also rescue her friend Anthy Himemiya. In the process, Utena must decide what she really wants.

There's one more duel in Utena's future and the fate of the entire world is at stake. Before her story ends, she must fulfill her ultimate destiny... she must revolutionize the world!

One day, the truth comes crashing down on a little girl – her parents aren't away on a trip, they've died. The grade-school-age girl wanders the rain-soaked streets of her hometown with no distinct purpose. Drenched in rainwater and tears, she finds herself by a river. Without knowing what she is doing, she throws herself into the roaring flood.

Suddenly, a man appears. He is her prince and he leaps to her rescue. Banishing her tears, he tells her to grow up into a strong and noble woman. Saved and smitten, the girl makes a promise to herself. From that day forward she'll strive, not to become a princess, but rather to grow up to be a prince just like him!

Utena Tenjou begins receiving annual letters from her prince, and after seven years, a dispatch arrives with good news. Finally, after all this time, she and her prince would be reunited. Deducing that he is waiting for her at an elite boarding school called Ohtori Academy, she packs her bags and walks headfirst towards her destiny.

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THE "OU" SOUND IN UTENA'S LAST NAME TENJOU AND TOUGA'S NAME IS PRONOUNCED "OH" (RHYMES WITH "SNOW").

...THROUGH THE CASTLE.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR PROGRESS ...
YOU MADE IT...
...ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP.
!
FROM HERE, ONE CAN SEE EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD.
YOU PEOPLE HAVE A NAME FOR THAT.
YOU CALL IT... "GOD"... DON'T YOU?

Y-YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME...
...THAT YOU'RE DIOS... MY PRINCE?
THE MAN WHO GAVE ME THE COURAGE TO LIVE?
A LIE! ONE MORE OF YOUR DECEITS!

DIOS AND I...
...WERE ONCE TWO HALVES OF THE SAME WHOLE.
ONE BODY WITH TWO SPIRITS...
...ONE MIND WITH TWO HEARTS..
...A DIOS OF DARK... AND A DIOS OF LIGHT.
THE STORY ANTHY TOLD YOU...
...WAS ONLY PART OF THE TRUTH.
I...I WAS...?
THE DAY IT ALL CHANGED ...
...THE DAY YOU MET DIOS.

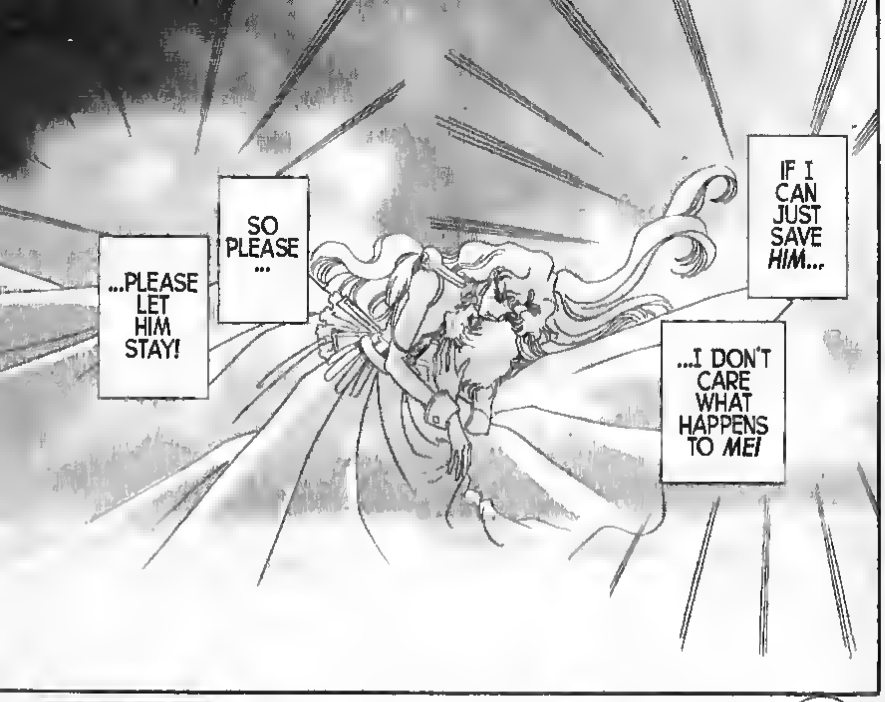
THESE DAYS, I AM CALLED "WORLD'S END"...
...FOR I AM "DIOS" NO LONGER. YOU WERE THERE THAT FATEFUL DAY...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE CALLED.
YOUR KIND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO FICKLE ABOUT SUCH THINGS.
IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE?
ARE YOU...A RACE OF GODS?
THIS CASTLE... YOUR POWERS... IS THAT HOW YOU HAVE ALL THIS?

ONE OF US MUST FADE...
IT IS OUR FATE!
...I SHALL RENOUNCE THE NAME OF DIOS.
FROM THIS DAY FORTH...
...MY OTHER SELF... COULD HATE ME SO.
I DID NOT KNOW...
FADE AWAY? YES...
FOR THUS DIVIDED... I WOULD LIVE NO MORE...
I WILL BE CALLED... "WORLD'S END."

...AND IT BROUGHT US JOY TO AID OUR PEOPLE.
WE WERE INDEED CALLED "GOD" BACK THEN...
...OUR DUTY... WAS TO HELP MANKIND.
THE DUTY OF DIOS...
TWO HALVES OF ONE WHOLE...?!
...WE WOULD HAVE BROUGHT OURSELVES TO RUIN!
IF MAN'S WHIMS HAD RULED US...
...FOR WE WERE EQUALS NO LONGER.
THUS HE SEALED OUR FATE...
...AND DIOS OF LIGHT GAVE IT.
BUT MAN ASKED FOR MORE...
...AND WITH IT, I AT LAST HAD MY TRIUMPH!
I TOOK MY OWN BODY...
AND SO I REBELLED AGAINST DIOS OF LIGHT.

I GAVE YOU STRENGTH ...
...SO YOU CAN LIVE...
...A STRONG AND NOBLE LIFE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
YOU'RE NOT ALONE... NEVER ALONE.
BUT I DIDN'T COUNT ON ANTHY.
I THOUGHT I WAS DONE WITH DIOS, THAT HE'D FADE AWAY FOR GOOD.

BUT WAIT! WHAT'S THIS!?
SHE LINGERS HERE, UPON THE VERGE OF DEATH.
...WITH EYES AS LOST AS MINE!
A GIRL, SO YOUNG ...
MY HEART... MY COURAGE... MY DIGNITY...
I WILL GIVE IT ALL TO HER...


...PLEASE LET HIM STAY!
SO PLEASE ...
IF I CAN JUST SAVE HIM...
...I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!

THE ROSE BRIDE... THAT WAS HER CURSE?
...THAT CLINCHED HER FATE-- THAT CURSED HER AS THE ROSE BRIDE!
BUT IT WAS THAT TOKEN...
...ONE LAST TOKEN... OF HER LOVE!
SHE KEPT HIS SWORD IN HER BOSOM ...
...SEALED THEM BOTH AWAY, HERE IN THE CASTLE.
ANTHY SAVED DIOS AND HIS POWER...
AND SO HE DID.

RMB RMB RMB
...AS HE WAS ABOUT TO VANISH FOREVER.
IT WAS ANTHY WHO STEPPED IN TO SAVE DIOS...
ANTHY?!

ANTHY?
HIME-MIYA... PLEASE ...!
...YOU GAVE UP ALL HOPE?
IS THAT WHY...
C-CAN YOU HEAR ME?
ANTHY'S BELOVED NO LONGER EXISTS. HER PRINCE CAN NEVER RETURN.
BUT DIOS OF LIGHT IS GONE.
...THE DARK *AND* THE LIGHT... AS *ONE.*
SHE LOVED US *BOTH...*
WHAT SHALL BECOME OF HER *NOW?*

POOR HIME... MIYA...
BUT DIOS. HER *OWN* LOVE...
...AND BESTOW HER SERVICES UPON EACH VICTOR OF THE DUELS-- EVEN *YOU.*
THE SWORD WAS *MINE*-- AND THUS SHE HAD TO OBEY *ME,* WORLD'S END...
TO THE *VICTOR* GO THE SPOILS!
...WAS TO REMAIN IN THE CASTLE, FOREVER OUT OF REACH!

THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD-- IT'S *YOURS* NOW!
PLEASE! SAVE HER...
CAN'T YOU DO THAT?
NO...! ANTHY!
THE PRINCE SHE LOVED IS GONE--AND WITH HIM HER WILL TO LIVE.
DIOS OF LIGHT IS NO MORE.
DIOS OF DARK IS WORLD'S END.
WHERE WOULD *YOU* BE, UTENA... WITHOUT *YOUR* PRINCE?
CAN YOU BLAME HER?

HER CLOTHES... THEY'RE TURNING TO MIST?!
JUST LIKE DIOS...
...SHE'S BEGUN TO FADE AWAY.
FOR ANTHY, IT'S JUST NOT WORTH IT...
WHAT IS *LIFE* WITHOUT *LOVE*?

I'LL BE THE PRINCE!
I'LL BEAT YOU, WORLD'S END!
I'LL GET THE RING BACK...
...AND THEN I'LL SAVE HIMEMIYA!
ALL I NEED IS THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD!
YES. ALL YOU NEED.
AND YOU WILL NEVER GET IT!

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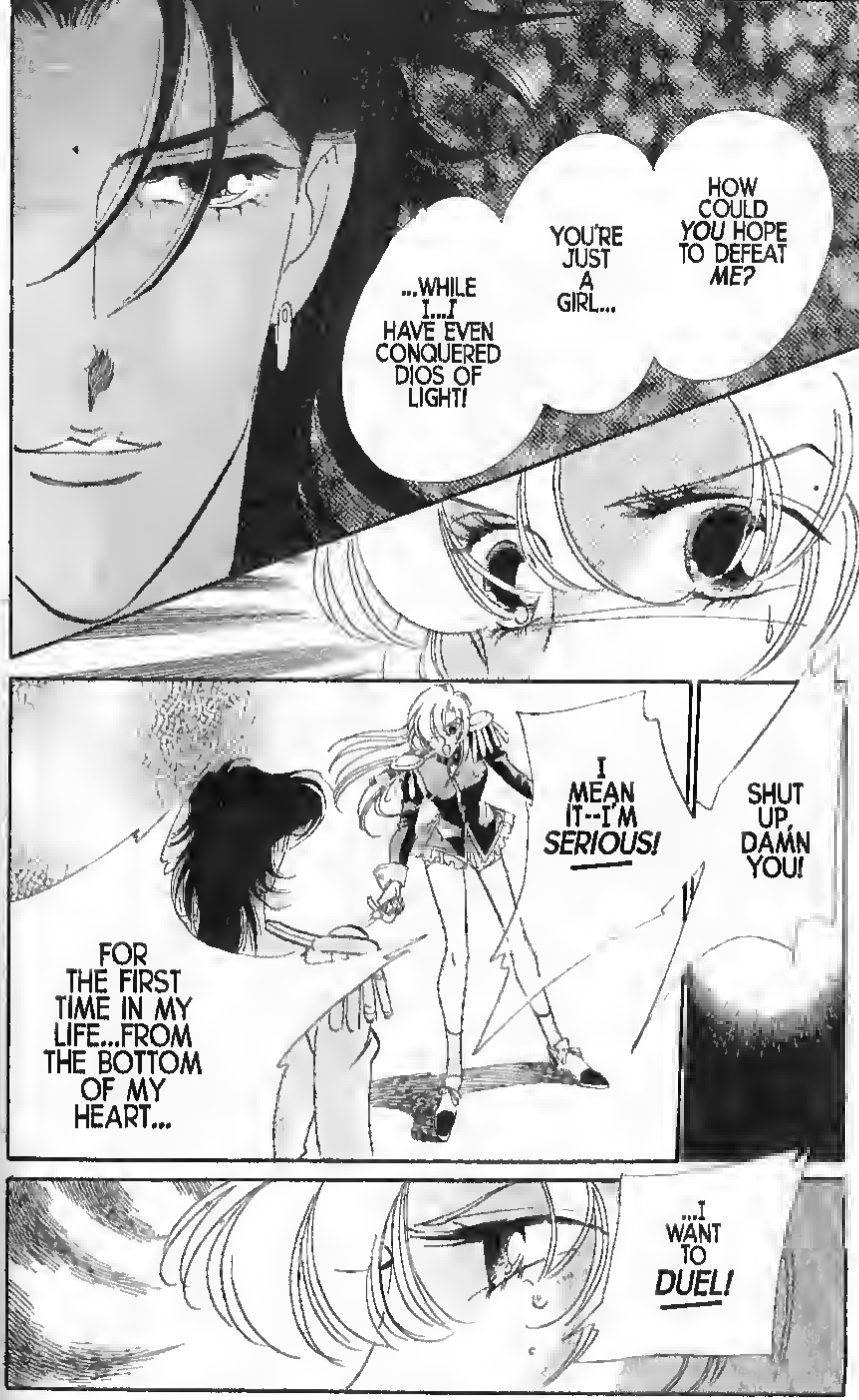
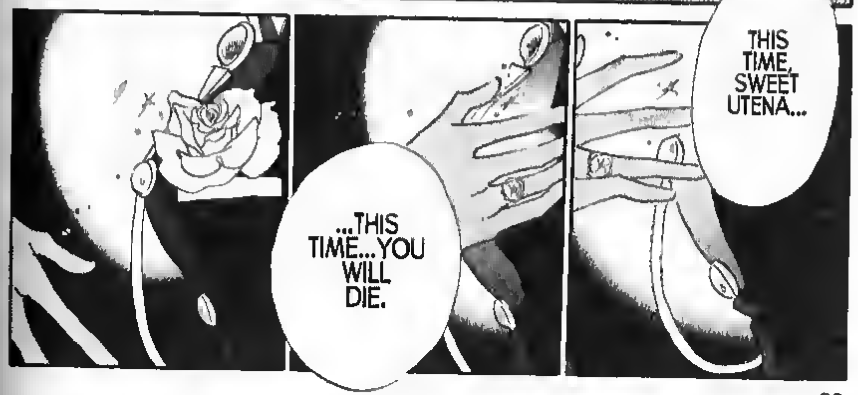
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.

NO MORE GAMES.
THIS TIME... IT'S FOR REAL!

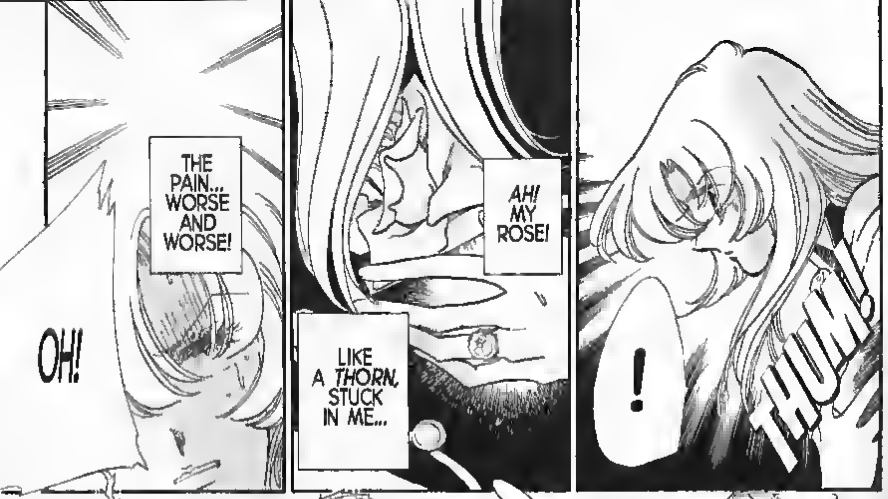

HOW COULD YOU HOPE TO DEFEAT ME?
YOU'RE JUST A GIRL...
...WHILE I...I HAVE EVEN CONQUERED DIOS OF LIGHT!
I MEAN IT--I'M SERIOUS!
SHUT UP, DAMN YOU!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...
...I WANT TO DUEL!

A ROSE ...
ARE YOU READY TO FIND OUT...
...JUST HOW HARD IT TRULY IS...
...TO BE A PRINCE?

ALL RIGHT, THEN. BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND-- THIS WON'T BE LIKE BEFORE.

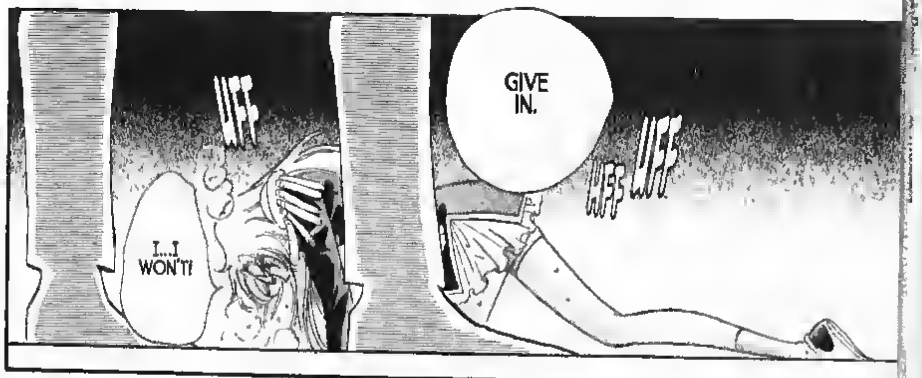

...THIS TIME...YOU WILL DIE.
THIS TIME, SWEET UTENA...

BRRR!
KLANG!
KTAK


THE PAIN... WORSE AND WORSE!
OH!
AH! MY ROSE!
LIKE A THORN, STUCK IN ME...
!
THUM!

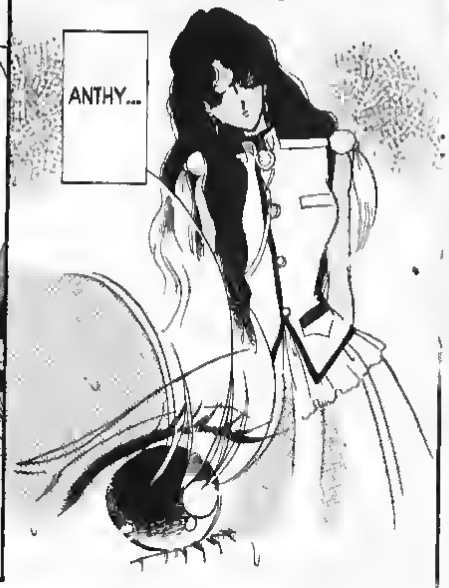
AH...
UNH...
I CAN'T TAKE IT OFF.

EVEN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF FLOWERS... HAS ITS SHARP, PAINFUL SIDE.
THE PATH OF A PRINCE...
...IS A THORNY ONE.


I...I WON'T!
HFF
GIVE IN.
HFF HFF

...AND STILL, YOU COULD NEVER SAVE ANTHY.
PLAY THE PRINCE FOR YEARS...
...AS LONG AS THIS GOES ON.
YOU WILL ONLY SUFFER...

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I HAVE TO SUFFER...
STAGGER
I WILL BE A PRINCE! I WILL!
I WILL SAVE HER!

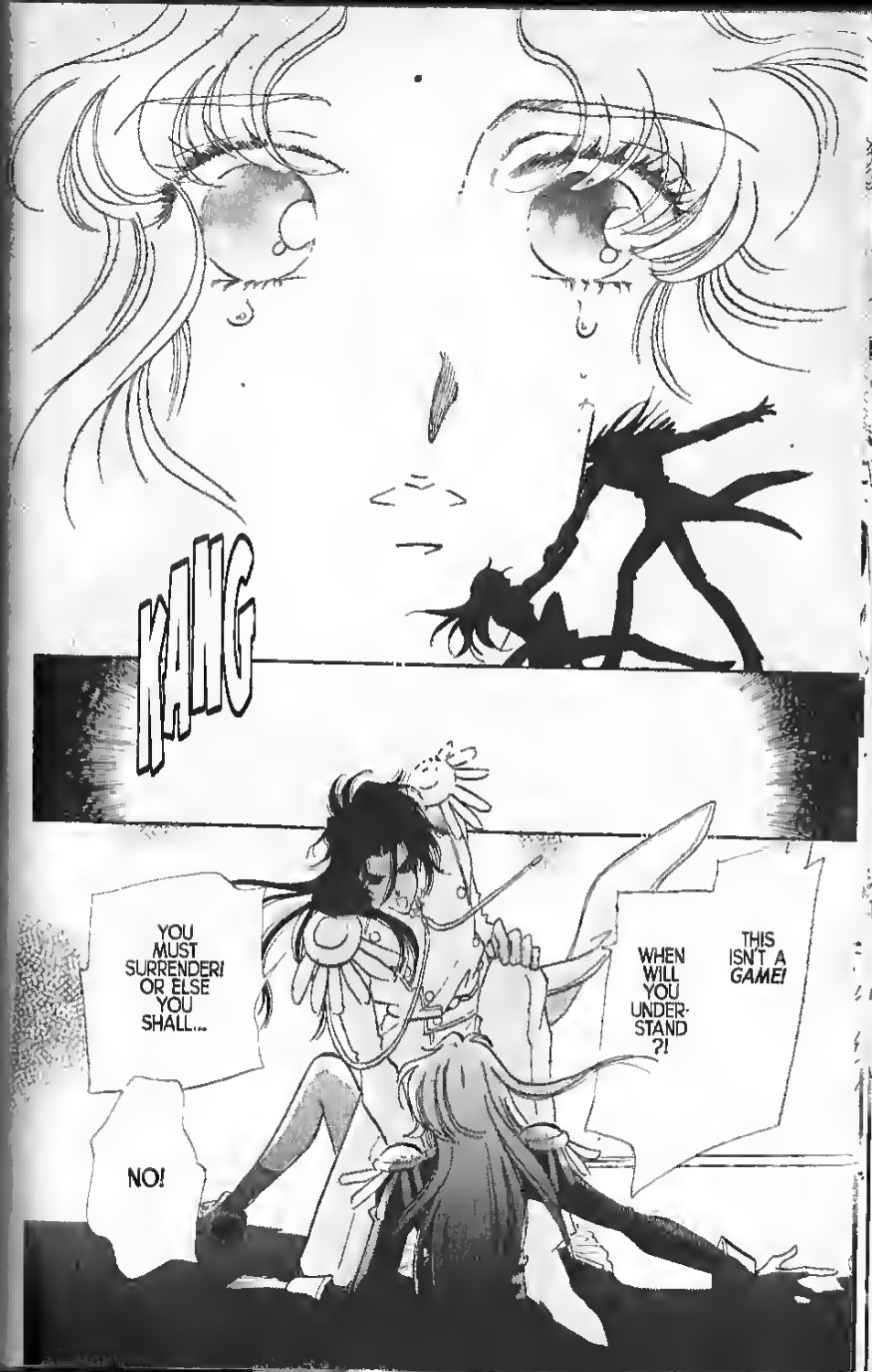

ANTHY...

NO! I WILL NEVER GIVE IN TO DEFEAT!
I WON'T BECOME WORLD'S END! I WON'T BECOME LIKE YOU...!
KLANG
THEN AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL DIE!
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?
TO GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR ANTHY?
UH...
AAH!

EVERY OBSESSION MUST ONE DAY BE RELINQUISHED.
WHAT WOULD IT GET YOU?
AND SO YOU SUFFER, BECOME A PRINCE...
PRINCE DIOS OF LIGHT...
...THE ONE YOU LOVE!
HE COULD NOT EVEN PROTECT ANTHY...
...MUCH LESS SAVE HIS PRECIOUS HUMANITY HERE ON EARTH.
COME NOW, UTENA. HAND OVER YOUR SWORD.
THIS SILLY DESIRE OF YOURS BRINGS ONLY AGONY.
ISN'T IT TIME YOU GREW UP?

HOW LONG ...
...YOU MUST HAVE STOOD THERE ...
...ALL BY YOURSELF, HIMEMIYA, JUST LIKE THAT.
JUST LIKE... ME.
IF I HADN'T MET MY PRINCE THAT DAY...
I WOULD HAVE DIED.
NOW, HERE I AM...
PLEASE... BELIEVE IN ME..!
I'M HERE FOR YOU!
PLEASE WAKE UP!
HIMEMIYA!

I SWEAR... I *WILL* BE HIMEMIYA'S *PRINCE!*
AAH!
WHAT?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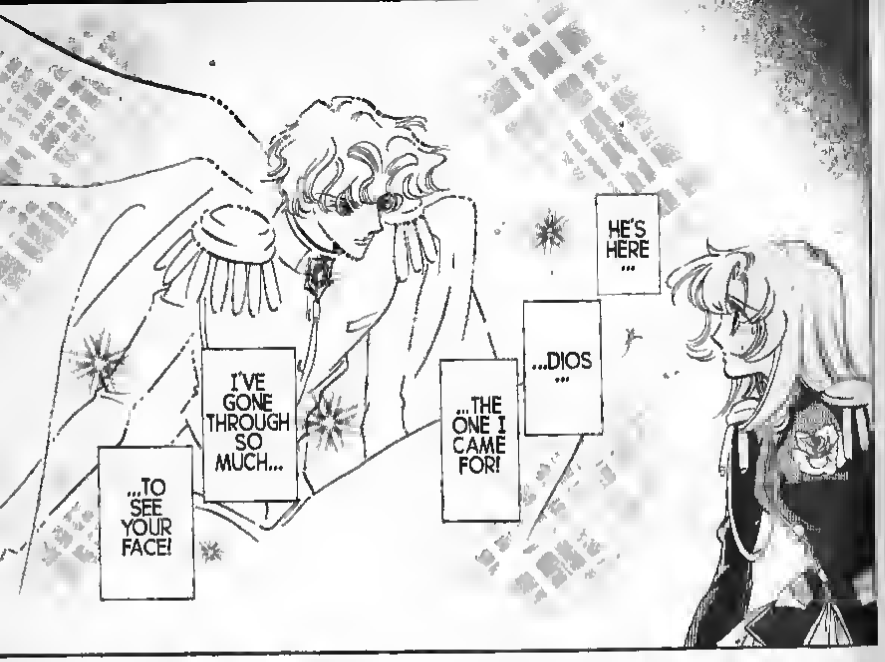
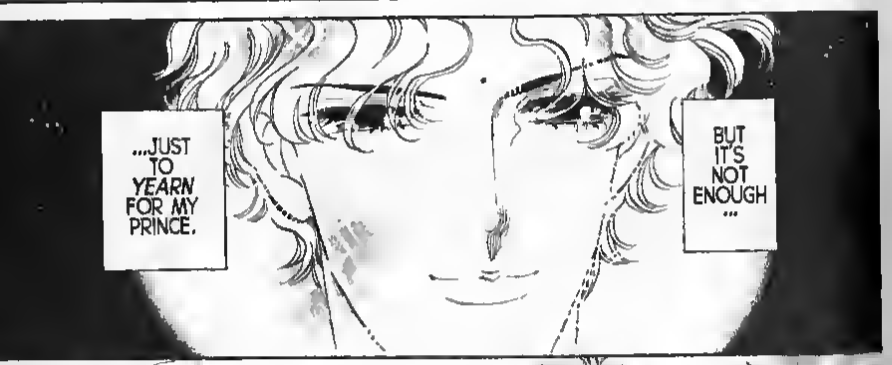
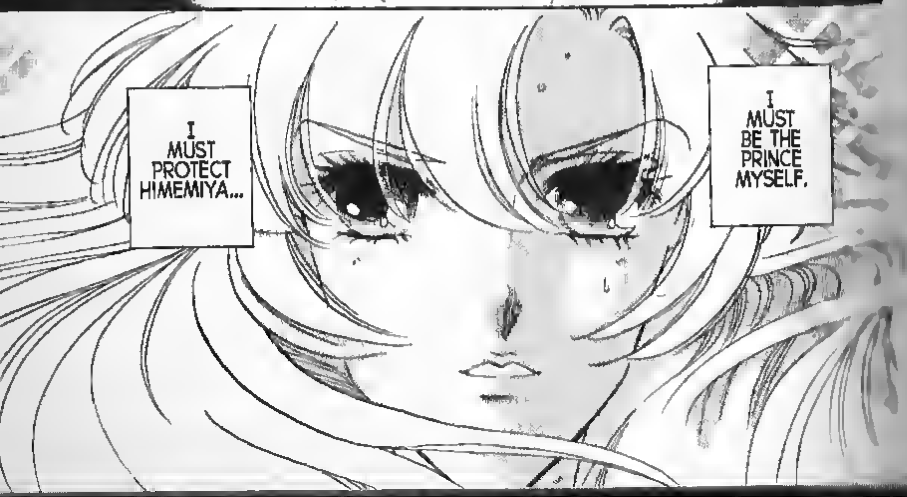
YOU MUST SURRENDER! OR ELSE YOU SHALL...
NO!
WHEN WILL YOU UNDER-STAND ?!
THIS ISN'T A *GAME!*


HE'S HERE ...
...DIOS ...
...THE ONE I CAME FOR!
I'VE GONE THROUGH SO MUCH...
...TO SEE YOUR FACE!


...JUST TO YEARN FOR MY PRINCE.
BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH ...


I MUST PROTECT HIMEMIYA...
I MUST BE THE PRINCE MYSELF.

C-CAN IT BE...

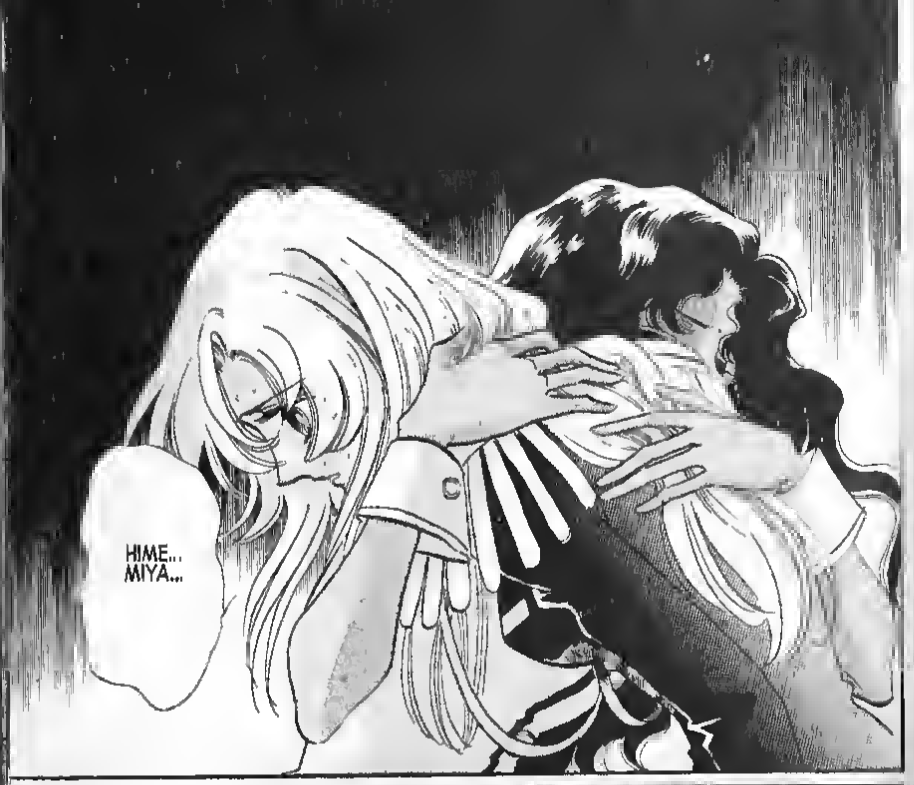
DIOS...?!

BUT... BUT HE'S GONE FOR GOOD! THE POWER IS MINE!

AHH! LADY UTENA ...?!

HAAH!
"AND... IF YOU DO NOT LOSE..."
"...WHEN WE MEET AGAIN."
"THERE WILL COME A TIME..."
"...ONE DAY... YOU WILL SAVE US..."
"...YOUR NOBLE HEART... THEN..."

...BLOOD ?!
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP


HIME... MIYA...

I...I... ANTHY!
ANTHY... C-COME HERE... HELP ME...
UHN... A... ANTHY!

AAH!
WHAM!

YOU'VE MADE ME...
...SO HAPPY.
THANK YOU, HIMEMIYA. YOU BELIEVED IN ME. YOU WOKE UP! THANK YOU.
YOU CAME BACK TO US!
I CAN FINALLY END...AS YOUR PRINCE.
NOW... IT IS OVER.
YOU CAN... END...?

WITHOUT IT...I CAN NEVER... SAVE YOU...
...TAKE BACK DIOS'S RING.
I HAVE TO...
THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD... AKIO...HE STILL HAS IT...
I...I STILL HAVE TO FIGHT.
L-LET ME GO, HIMEMIYA.
BESIDES, IT...IT DOESN'T MATTER... NOT ANYMORE.
I DON'T NEED A PRINCE TO SAVE ME.
YOU'RE JUST A GIRL...
...THIS FIGHT IS TOO CRUEL FOR A MORTAL.
JUST L-LET ME...
PLEASE! PLEASE, NO MORE...

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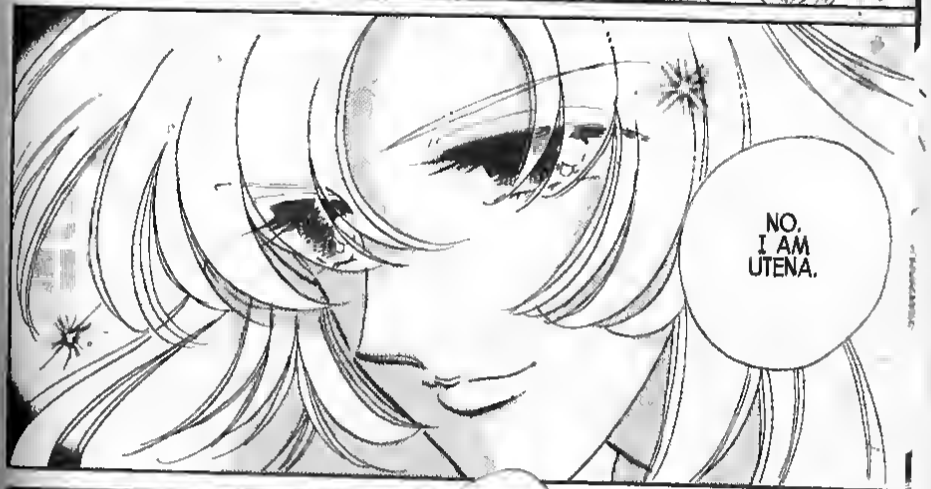
LADY UTENA...?
MY LADY...
IS THAT HER?
OR IS IT DIOS?
WHAT? T-TELL ME...

IT'S DIOS, ISN'T IT?!
GULP
SHLSHT

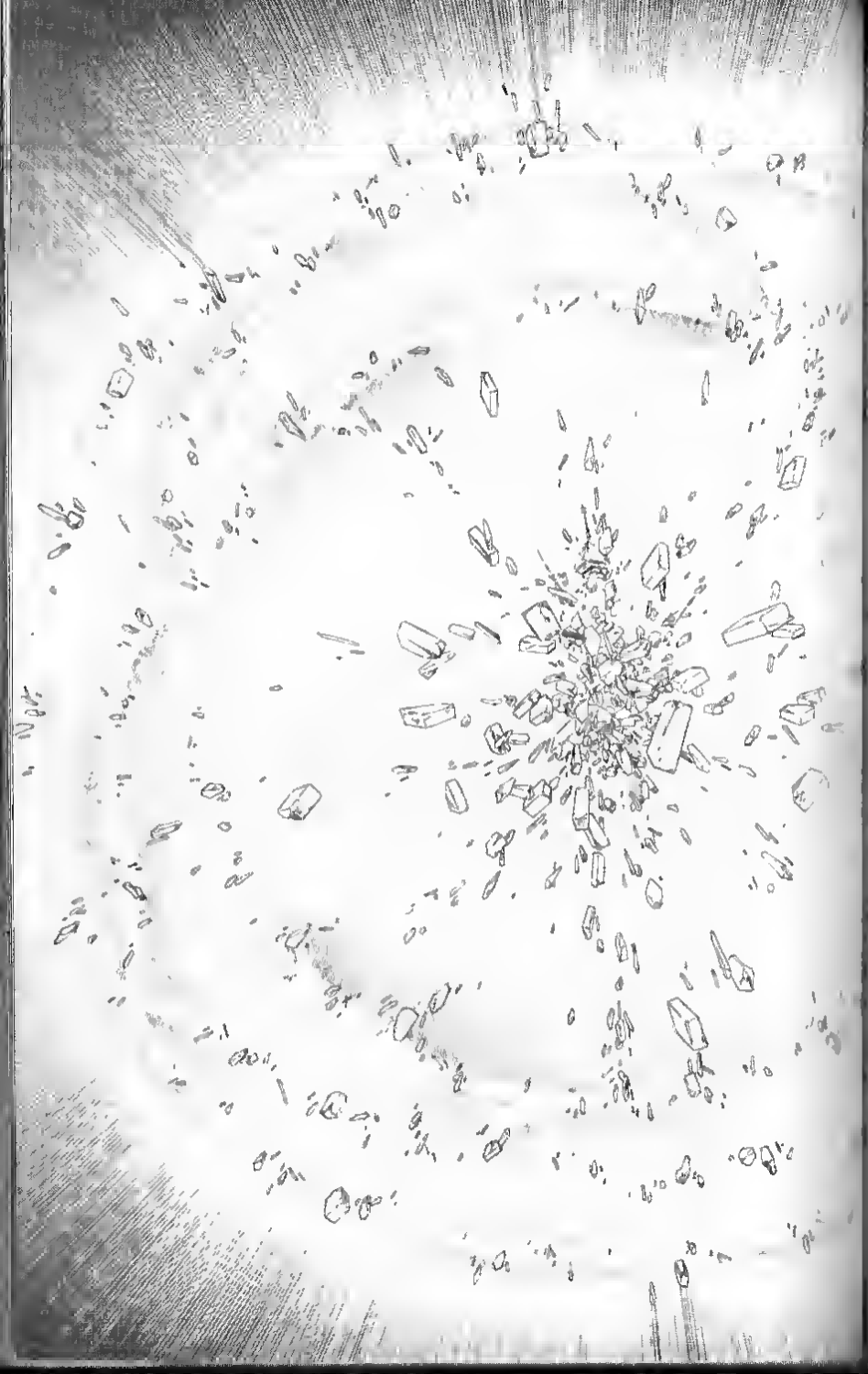
A KISS, AND IT'S DONE.
YOU AND DIOS SHALL BE...
...AS YOU ONCE WERE... TOGETHER... AS ONE.

IF YOU DO THAT...
NO, LADY UTENA! PLEASE!

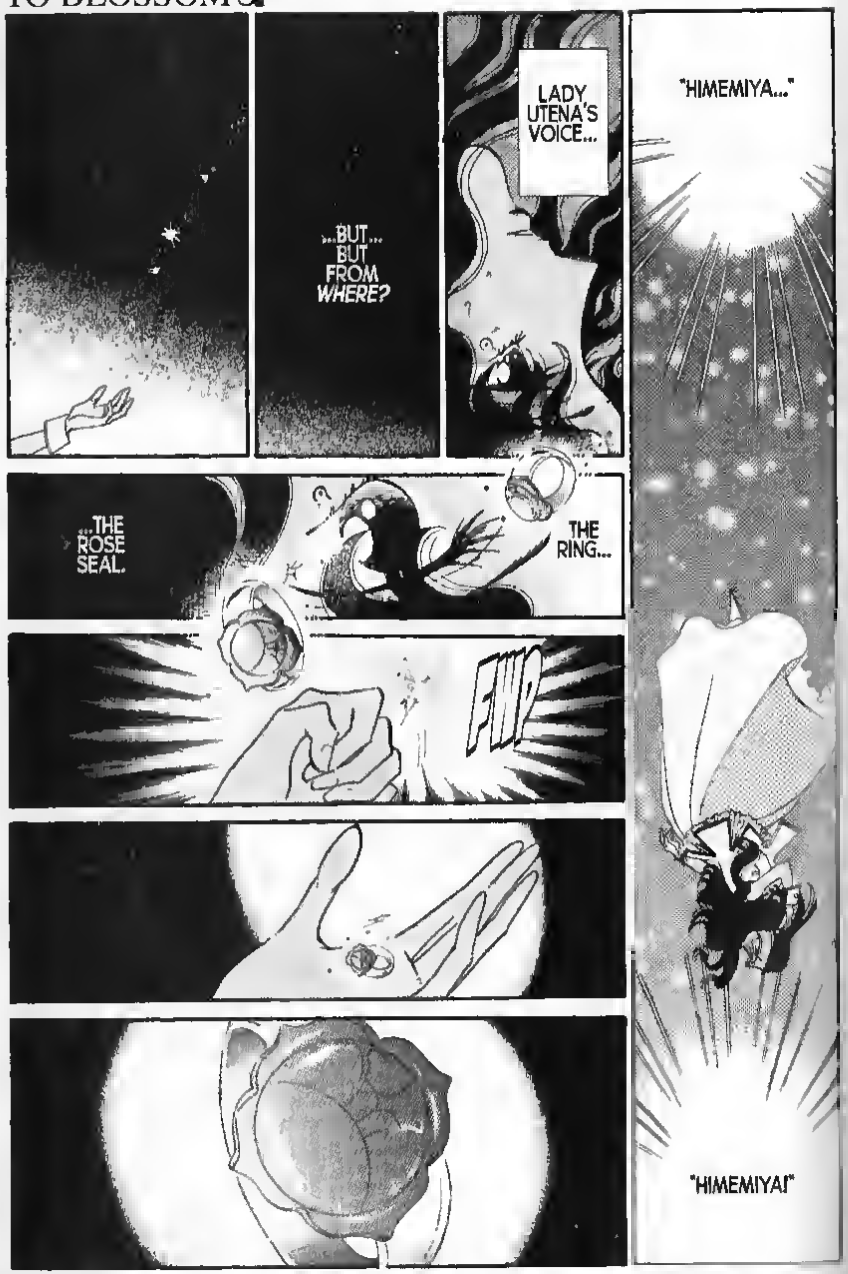
WHO ARE YOU... DIOS?!
TELL ME! I MUST KNOW!


NO, I AM UTENA.

...EVEN IF IT MEANS I MUST DESTROY THE MAN I LOVED...FOR ANTHY'S SAKE!
I WILL PROTECT HER...
...THE CUP THAT SHIELDS THE YOUNG FLOWER.
MY NAME MEANS "CALYX"...

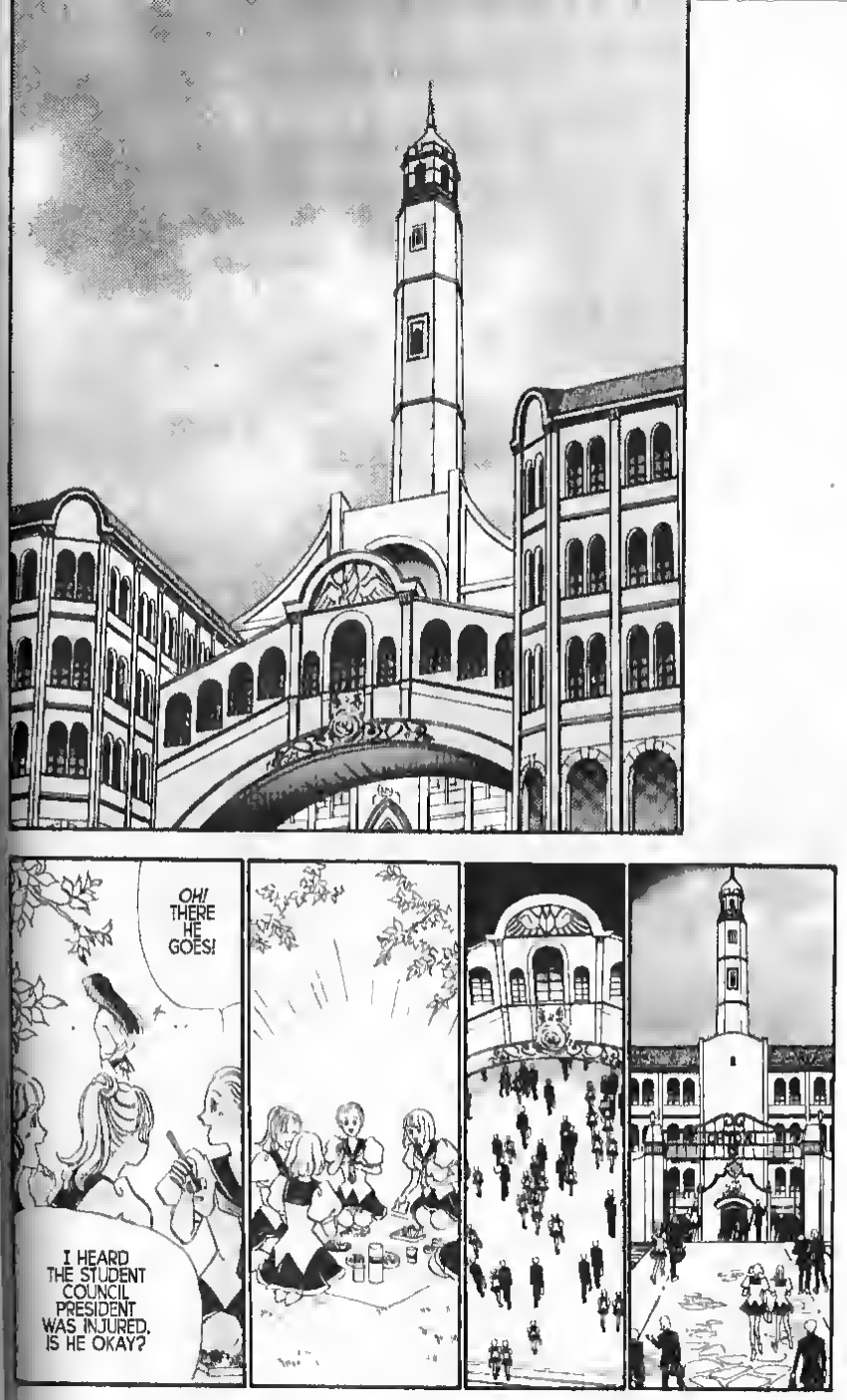


...YOU'LL CEASE TO EXIST!
IS THAT... IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?!


...BUT... BUT FROM WHERE?
LADY UTENA'S VOICE...
"HIMEMIYA..."
...THE ROSE SEAL.
THE RING...
FWP
"HIMEMIYA!"

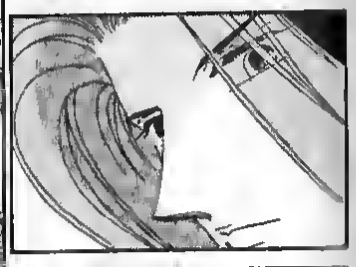
UNH...

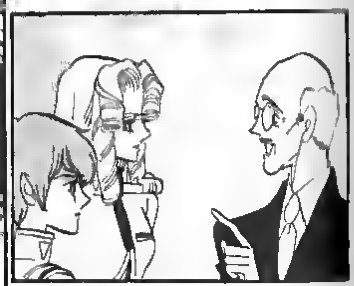
AWW! THERE HE GOES AGAIN.
TOUGA!
HOW ARE YOU TODAY?
HE'S MIGHTY STAND-OFFISH LATELY.
HOLD UP A SEC, TOUGA.
JUST NOT HIS OLD SELF.
NOT SINCE HE GOT HURT LAST MONTH.
THERE YOU ARE.


OH! THERE HE GOES!
I HEARD THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT WAS INJURED. IS HE OKAY?

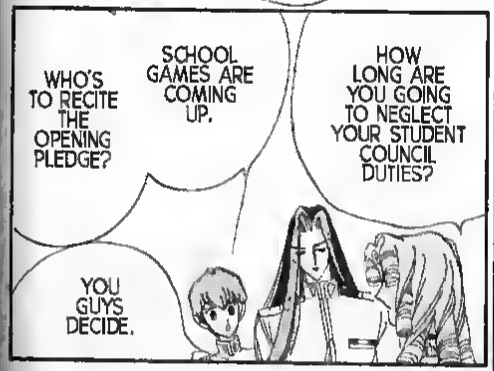
C'MON, TOUGA!
YOU KNOW ALL THE GIRLS ON CAMPUS.
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE...
...IN MIND?

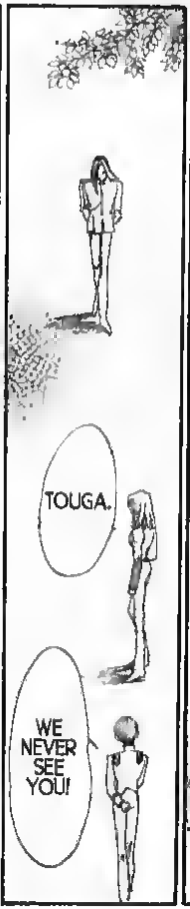
HELLO, CHAIRMAN.
YOU LOOK WELL TODAY.

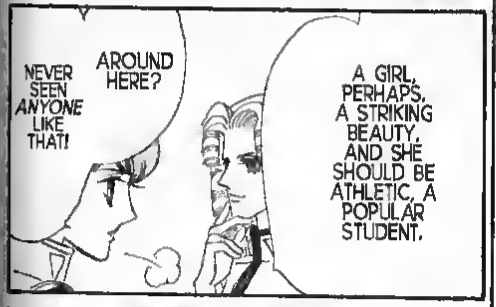


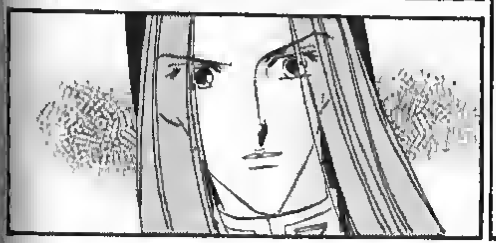


YOUR NAME IS STILL LISTED ON THE KENDO TEAM.
BUT YOUR BODY...
...IT HASN'T SHOWN UP FOR PRACTICE SINCE YOU GOT INJURED.
YOU'VE NEVER SAID HOW YOU GOT HURT...
I BET YOU WERE CHASING SOME GIRL'S SKIRT, HUH?

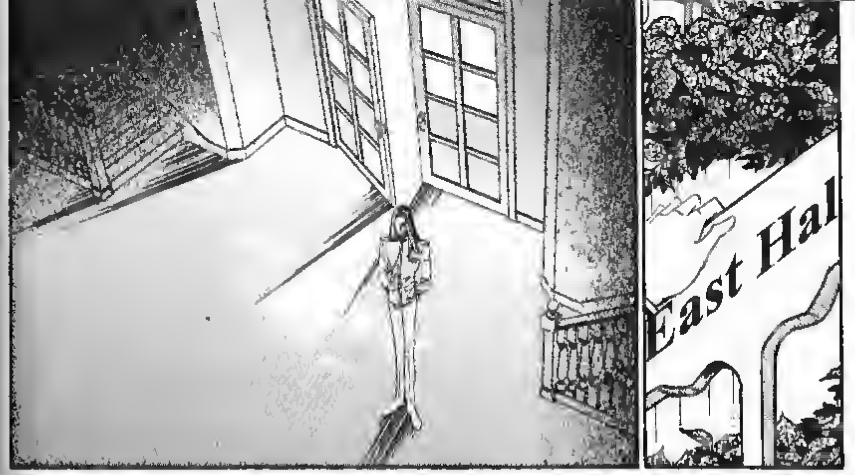

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO NEGLECT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL DUTIES?
SCHOOL GAMES ARE COMING UP.
WHO'S TO RECITE THE OPENING PLEDGE?
YOU GUYS DECIDE.

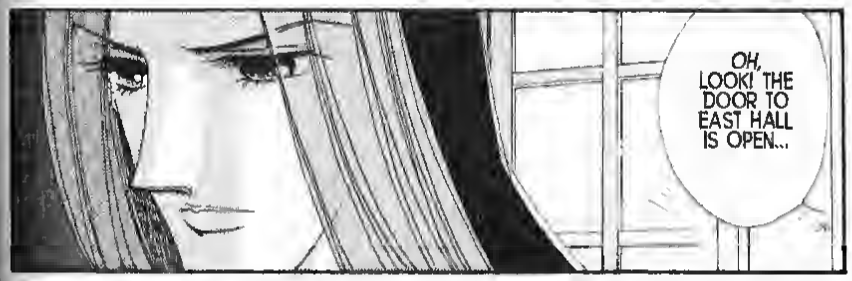

TOUGA?
TOUGA.
WE NEVER SEE YOU!


A GIRL, PERHAPS, A STRIKING BEAUTY, AND SHE SHOULD BE ATHLETIC, A POPULAR STUDENT.
AROUND HERE?
NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE THAT!



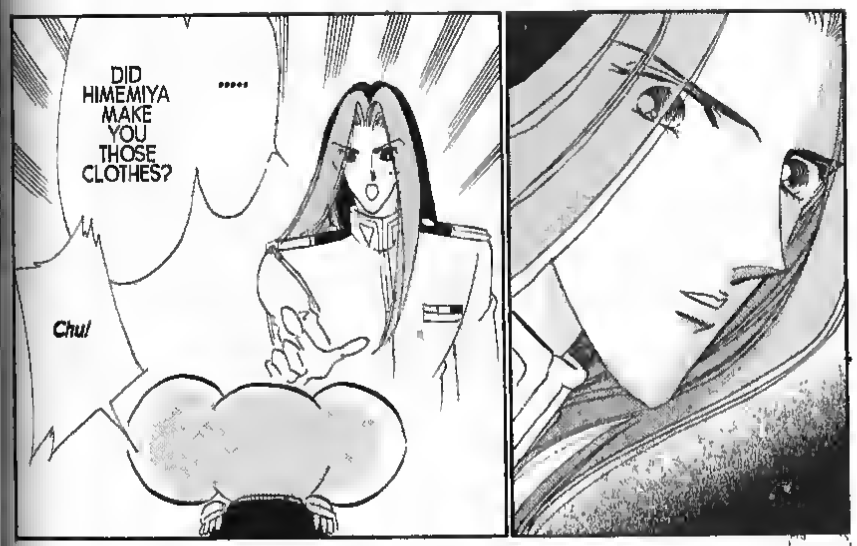
CHUCHU.
Chu?
reap.
...THAT WE WENT TO THE CASTLE IN THE SKY...
NOT EVEN THE MEMBERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL REMEMBER THE DUELS, WORLD'S END, OR THE ROSE BRIDE...
...SOME CRAZY DREAM I HAD?
OR WAS THAT ALL...
SHE'S GONE...
...EVEN FROM MEMORY. VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE...
...AS IF SHE WAS NEVER HERE.
IT MAKES ME FEEL SO... ALONE.
Chu!

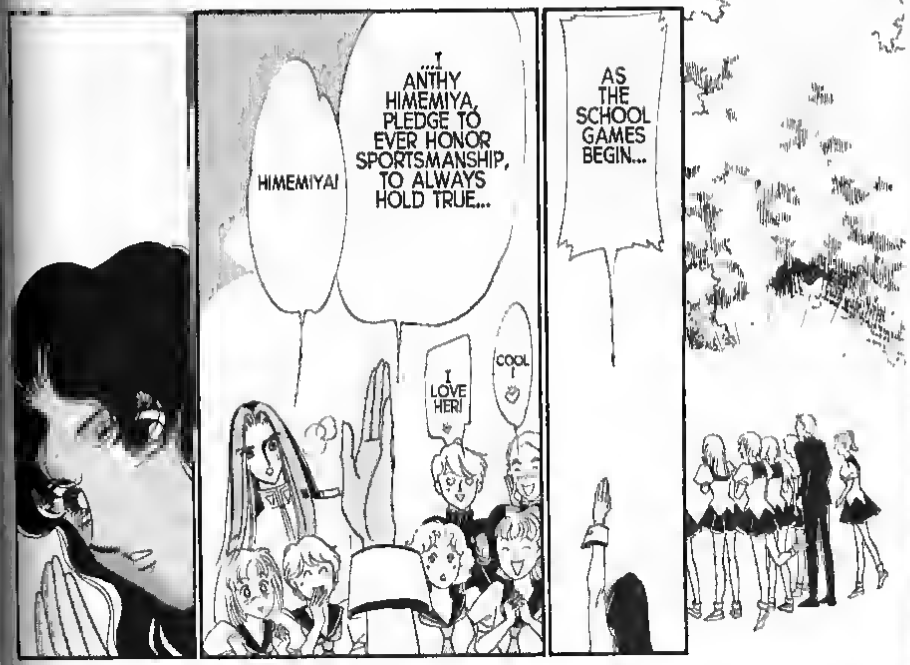

East Hal


OH, LOOK! THE DOOR TO EAST HALL IS OPEN...

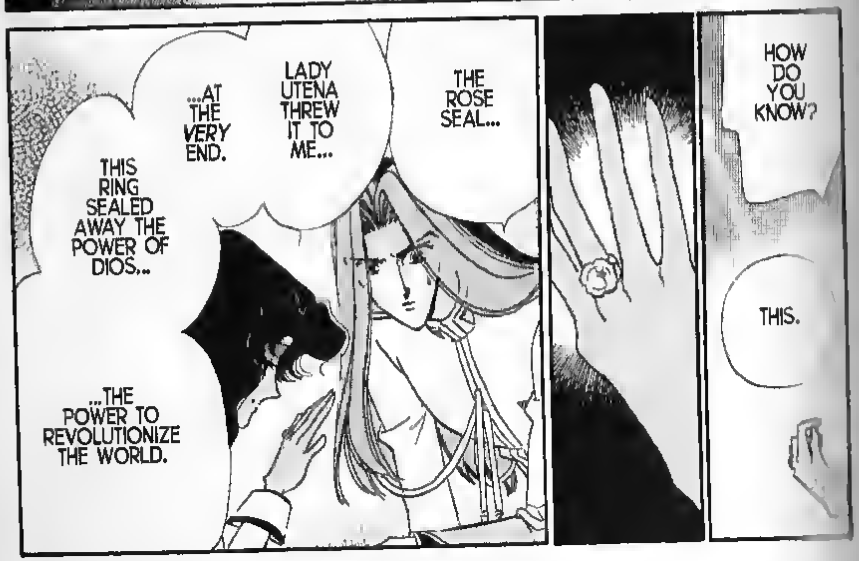
...AND I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT IT'S HAUNTED!
EAST HALL HASN'T BEEN USED FOR TEN YEARS...
ARE YOU NUTS?
DO YOU THINK SOMEONE MOVED IN?
Chu
EEK!
OOH!
IT'S TRUE!
REALLY, WAKABA?

AHH... PRESIDENT KIRYUU.
HIMEMIYA... THAT OUTFIT...
...WHO STILL CALLS ME HIMEMIYA.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT...


DID HIMEMIYA MAKE YOU THOSE CLOTHES?
.....
Chu!


HIMEMIYA!
...I ANTHY HIMEMIYA, PLEDGE TO EVER HONOR SPORTSMANSHIP, TO ALWAYS HOLD TRUE...
I LOVE HER!
COOL!
AS THE SCHOOL GAMES BEGIN...

...NEVER SEE HER AGAIN?
WILL I...
LADY UTENA...IS STILL ALIVE.


...AT THE VERY END.
LADY UTENA THREW IT TO ME...
THE ROSE SEAL...
THIS RING SEALED AWAY THE POWER OF DIOS...
...THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
THIS.

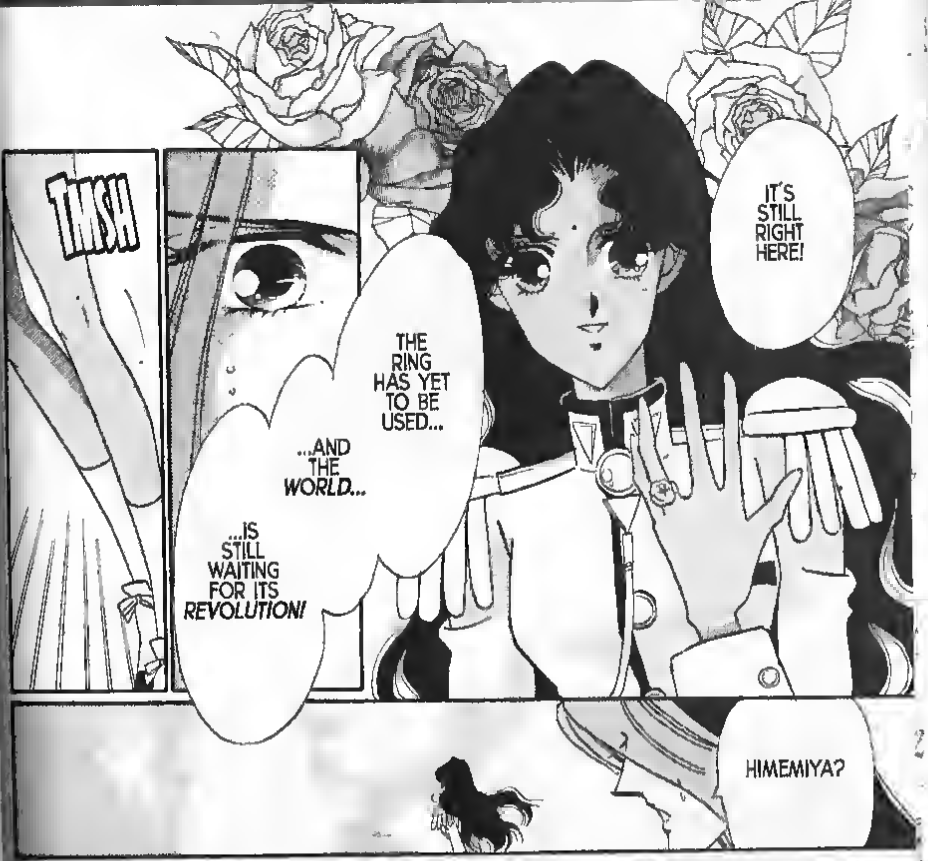
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE...
...YOU KNOW SHE WAS HERE!
BUT YOU...
...AND FOR THAT, I'M GLAD.

YOU MUST'VE REALLY LOVED HER.

JURI AND MIKI CAME OVER TODAY...
...AND ASKED ME TO RECITE THE OPENING PLEDGE.
I WANTED TO GIVE IT A TRIAL RUN...
YOU'VE CHANGED, HIMEMIYA.

UTENA TENJOU! SO STRONG, CHARMING, HONEST...
...TRUE!
EVERY TIME SHE OUTDID ME, I LOVED HER ALL THE MORE.
YEAH...
...NOT AS A MAN OR A WOMAN...
...BUT AS A HUMAN BEING.

WHEN SHE AND I MEET ONCE AGAIN...
...THAT IS WHEN IT WILL BEGIN.
THIS IS JUST THE START.


TWISH
IT'S STILL RIGHT HERE!
THE RING HAS YET TO BE USED...
...AND THE WORLD...
...IS STILL WAITING FOR ITS REVOLUTION!
HIMEMIYA?

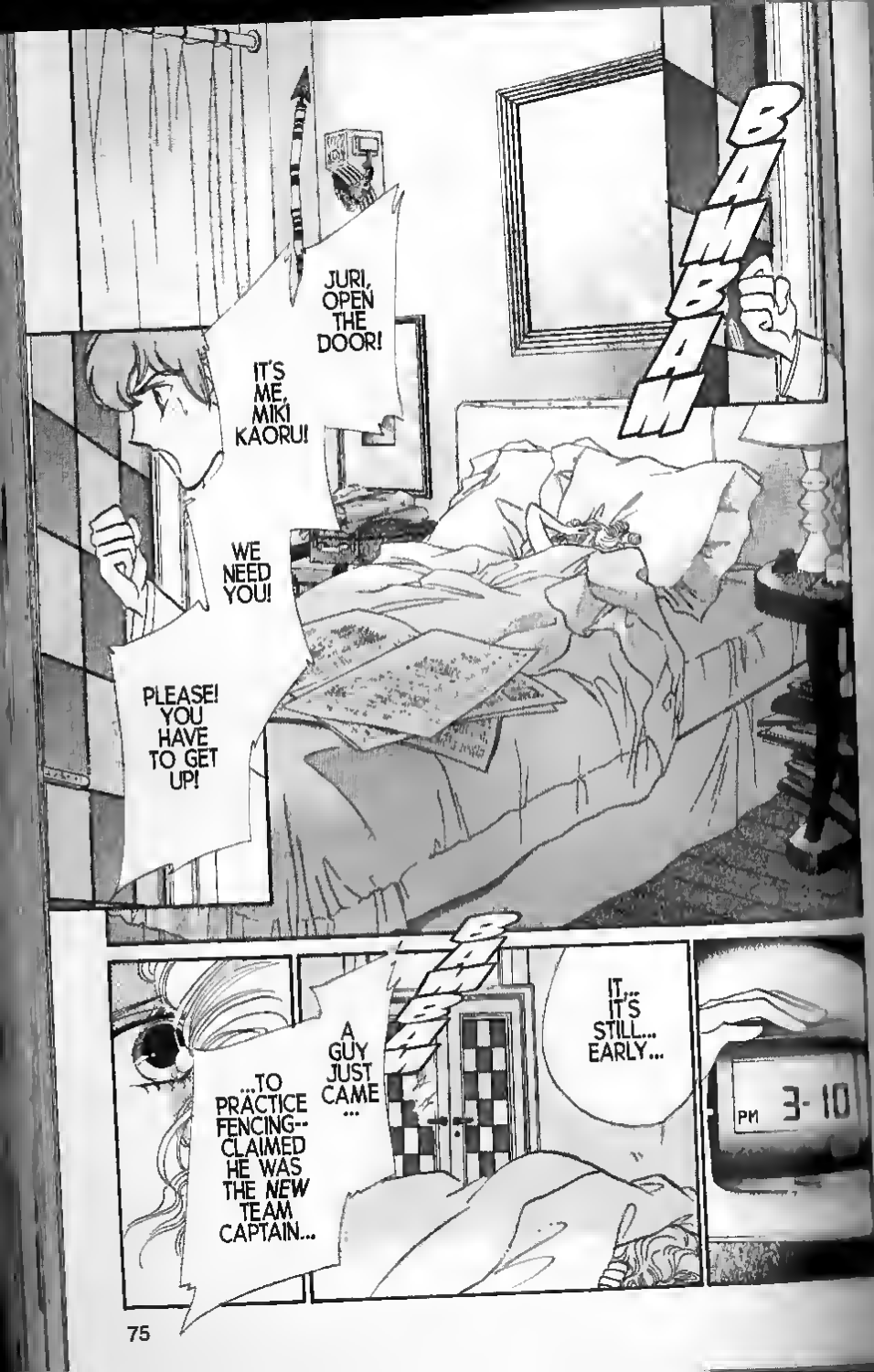
TO LOOK FOR LADY UTENA.
TELL THEM FOR ME...
...THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THE PLEDGE.
TO GO? WHERE?
I...I HAVE TO GO.

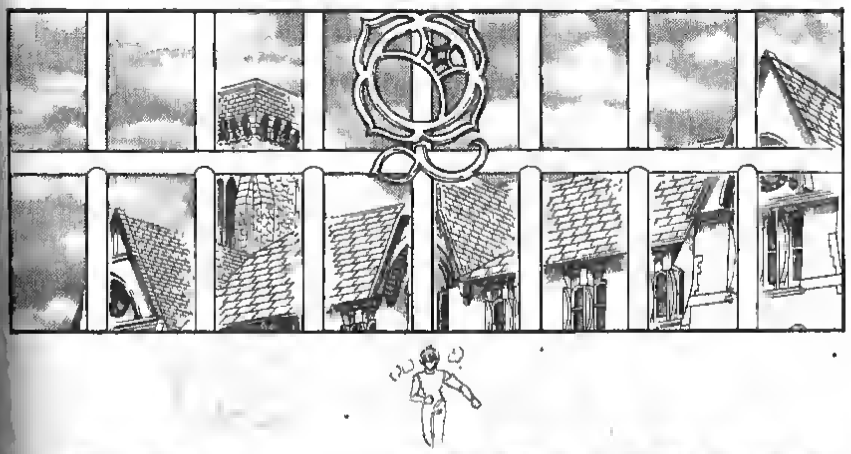
AND IT BEGINS... WITH US!
THE END!

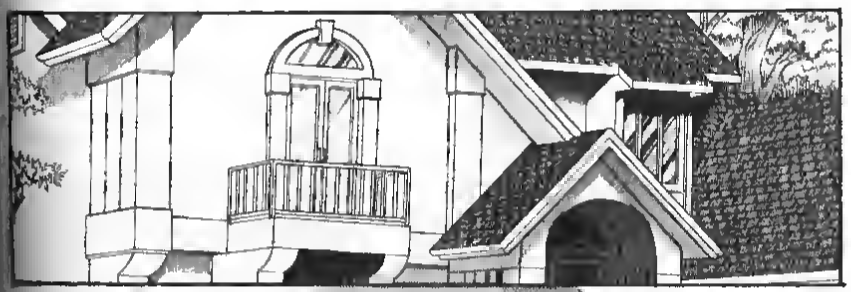
...THE POWER OF DIOS!
THE WORLD AWAITS ...

深き瑠璃色の影

A DEEP AZURE SHADOW

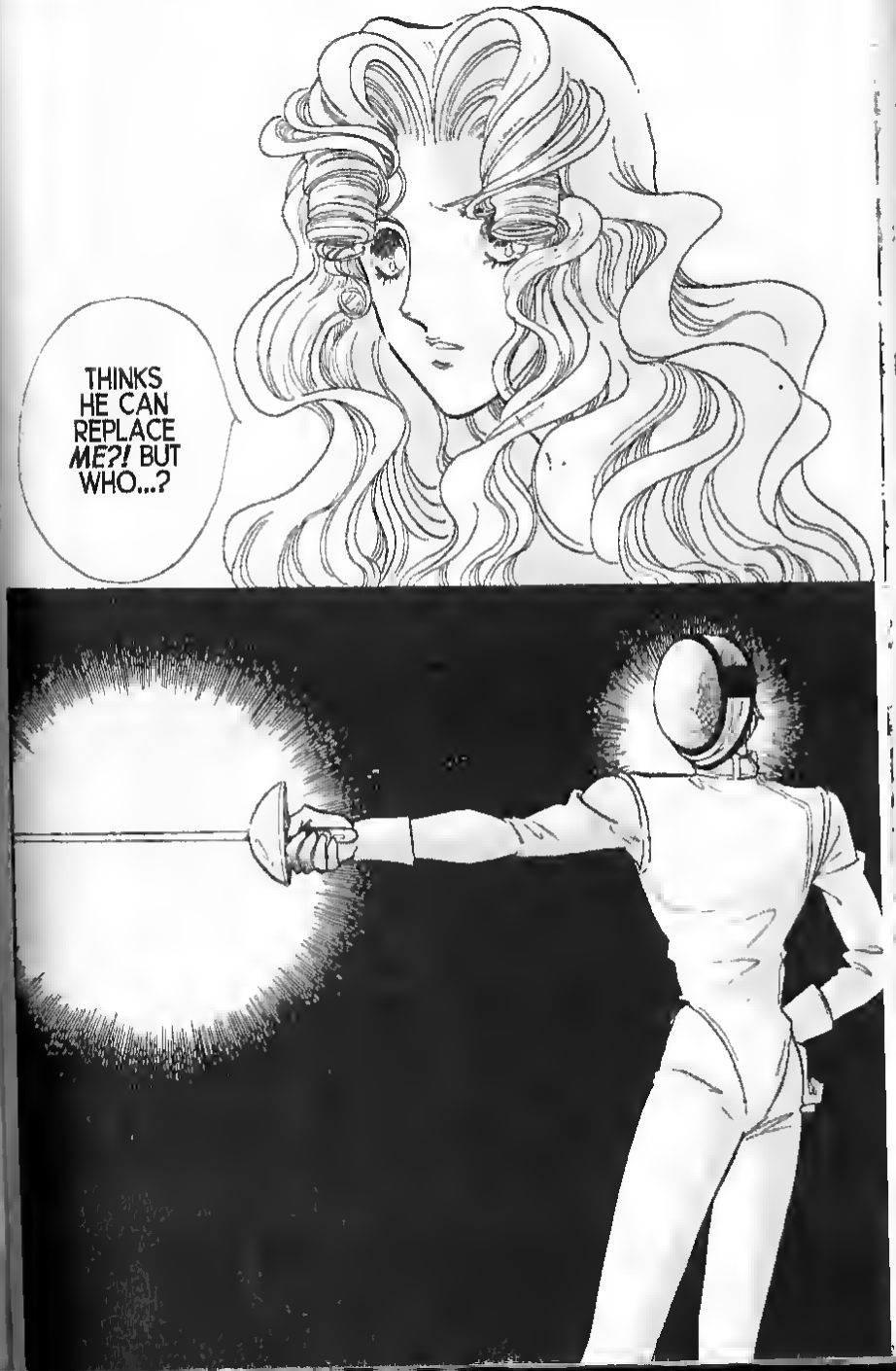

BAMBAM
JURI, OPEN THE DOOR!
IT'S ME, MIKI KAORU!
WE NEED YOU!
PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO GET UP!
BAM
BAM
IT... IT'S STILL... EARLY...
PM 3-10
A GUY JUST CAME ...
...TO PRACTICE FENCING-- CLAIMED HE WAS THE NEW TEAM CAPTAIN...





UFF
UFF
HFF

KING
KING
NEXT!
WOW!
AH!
OOH!
MAN!

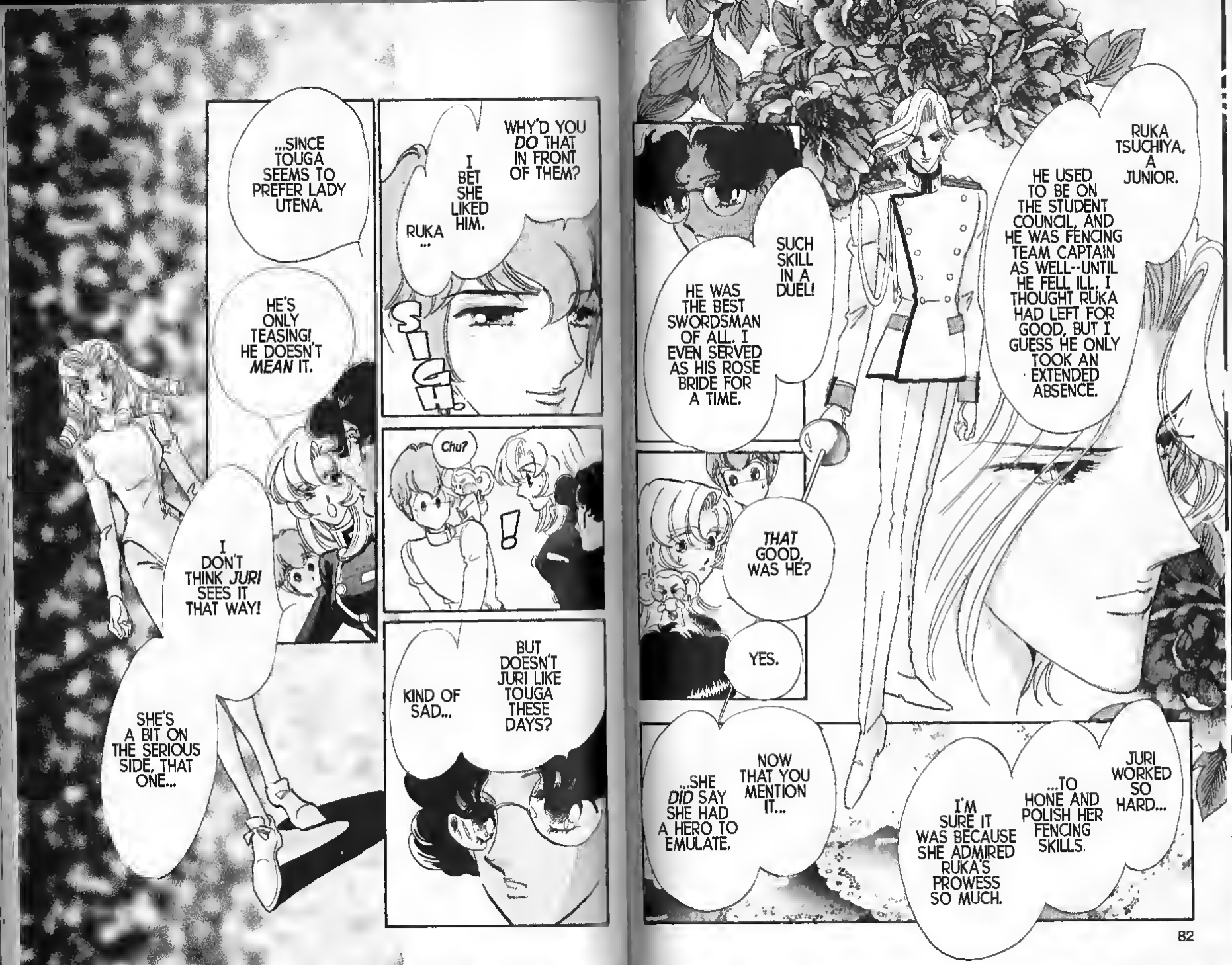

THINKS HE CAN REPLACE *ME?!* BUT WHO...?

YEAH. IT SURE IS.
IS THAT HIM, TOUGA?
WHAT'S HE DOING BACK NOW, AFTER SO LONG?
HUH! I REMEMBER HIM...
WONDER IF HE COULD BE EVEN BETTER THAN JURI...
THAT'S THE SIXTH PERSON HE'S BEAT!
YOU KNOW HIM, HIMEMIYA?
...SHE HASN'T EVEN SHOWN UP TO SCHOOL.
EVER SINCE UTENA TENJOU BEAT HER IN THE DUEL...
I DON'T KNOW...BUT ONE THING'S CERTAIN--THIS IS SURE TO ROUSE JURI OUT OF BED.
AAH! COO!
OOH! SHE'S BACK!
HEY, IT'S JURI!
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

BUT, JURI... IT'S MY TURN TO--
SWITCH WITH ME.
I'M THE TEAM CAPTAIN! WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE...
...WALTZING IN HERE LIKE YOU CAN JUST TAKE OVER!
SWIP
YOU CAN AIR YOUR COMPLAINTS...
...AFTER YOU SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT! LET'S SEE SOME ACTION!

RUKA...
RUKA TSUCHIYA.
AND AFTER ALL I TAUGHT YOU WHILE I WAS CAPTAIN.
SUCH A PITIFUL WASTE!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NOT WORTHY OF THE TITLE.
I HAD ASSUMED HE QUIT SCHOOL, DROPPED OUT.
WHO IS HE?
OH!
RUKA!
WOW!
AH!

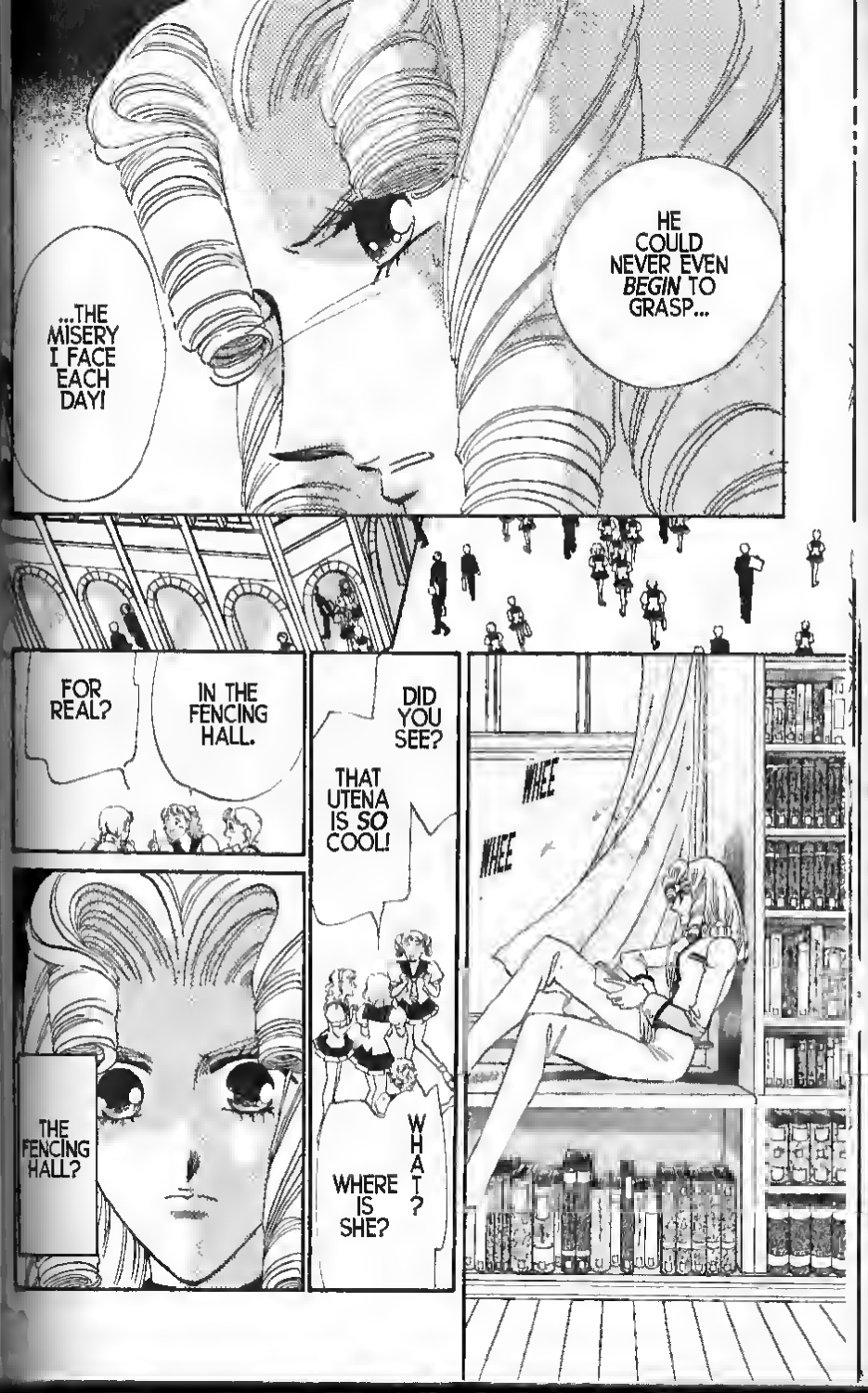
I'D SAY YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED A SWORD IN AT LEAST A MONTH!
YOU'VE BEGUN TO SLACK OFF.
WELL *THAT* WAS A BIT OF A LETDOWN!
KA TING


...SINCE TOUGA SEEMS TO PREFER LADY UTENA.
HE'S ONLY TEASING! HE DOESN'T *MEAN* IT.
I DON'T THINK *JURI* SEES IT THAT WAY!
SHE'S A BIT ON THE SERIOUS SIDE, THAT ONE...
RUKA ...
I BET SHE LIKED HIM.
WHY'D YOU *DO* THAT IN FRONT OF THEM?
SIGH
Chu?
!
KIND OF SAD...
BUT DOESN'T JURI LIKE TOUGA THESE DAYS?
RUKA TSUCHIYA, A JUNIOR.
HE USED TO BE ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND HE WAS FENCING TEAM CAPTAIN AS WELL--UNTIL HE FELL ILL. I THOUGHT RUKA HAD LEFT FOR GOOD, BUT I GUESS HE ONLY TOOK AN EXTENDED ABSENCE.
SUCH SKILL IN A DUEL!
HE WAS THE BEST SWORDSMAN OF ALL. I EVEN SERVED AS HIS ROSE BRIDE FOR A TIME.
THAT GOOD, WAS HE?
YES.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
...SHE *DID* SAY SHE HAD A HERO TO EMULATE.
JURI WORKED SO HARD...
...TO HONE AND POLISH HER FENCING SKILLS.
I'M SURE IT WAS BECAUSE SHE ADMIRED RUKA'S PROWESS SO MUCH.

...HAS MADE YOU RATHER SPITEFUL, RUKA.
YOUR TIME OUT SICK...
DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TRUTH.
YOU'VE LOST YOUR FOCUS.
IT IS NOW.
YOU SUCK, JURI.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
IN A WAY?
YOU ARE A GIRL, AREN'T YOU?
NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LIKE TO TAKE A SHOWER.
.....
FENCING TEAM
SLAM

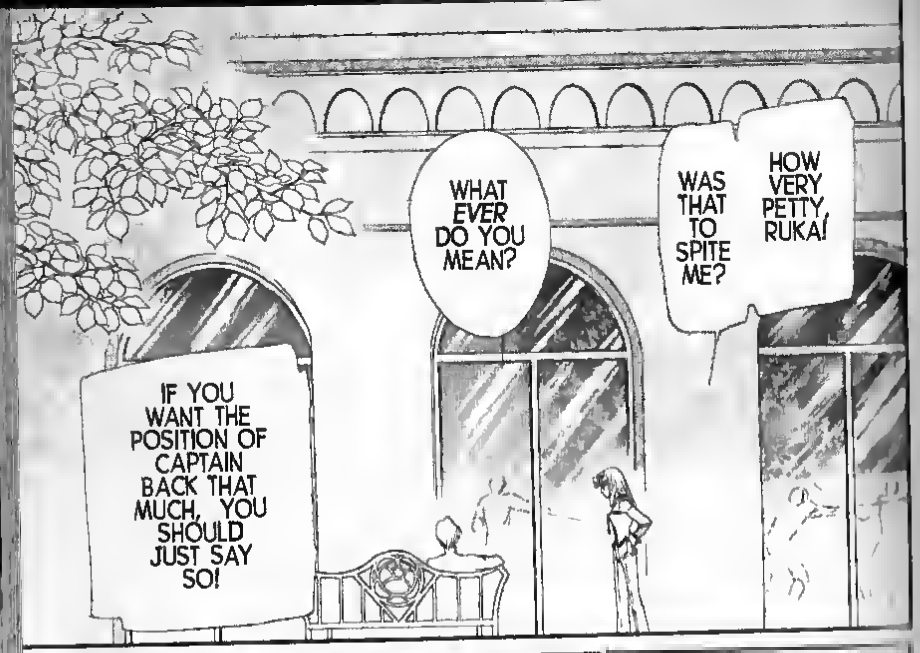
WHEN DO YOU INTEND TO DUEL HER AGAIN?
WHERE'S YOUR PRIDE, JURI?
SO? WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
WHY'D YOU DO THAT IN FRONT OF THEM?
A WAKE-UP CALL.
I HEAR YOU LOST TO SOME SILLY GIRL, WHILE VYING FOR TOUGA KIRYUU'S AFFECTIONS.
YOU AND THIS UTENA TENJOU, DUELING OVER BOYS...
.....
I SEE. YOU'RE AFRAID YOU'D LOSE AGAIN.

YOU'RE SO COOL!
WE LOVE YOU, UTENA!
HOLD YOURSELF JUST LIKE THAT--AT AN ANGLE.
NOW FOLLOW EACH MOVE I MAKE.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
ALL I KNOW
IT'S YOURS FOR THE ASKING, UTENA TENJOU.
JUST DON'T SQUANDER IT.


...THE MISERY I FACE EACH DAY!
HE COULD NEVER EVEN *BEGIN* TO GRASP...
FOR REAL?
IN THE FENCING HALL.
DID YOU SEE?
THAT UTENA IS SO COOL!
THE FENCING HALL?
WHERE IS SHE?
WHAT?
WHEE
WHEE

SORRY! THAT JUST SLIPPED OUT. HOW RUDE OF ME.
HE SEES A LOT IN HER. SAID SHE'D GOT JUST AS MUCH POTENTIAL AS YOU, IF NOT MORE.
THANKS, MIKI, BUT IT'S STILL NEW TO ME.
THAT WAS GREAT, UTENA!
DIDN'T LOOK LIKE YOUR FIRST TIME AT ALL...
NOT THAT YOU CARE ANYMORE, RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN SAD AROUND HERE...
...YOU KNOW, SINCE JURI STOPPED SHOWING UP...
...BUT YOU JOINING THE TEAM WOULD CERTAINLY LIGHTEN THE MOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE!

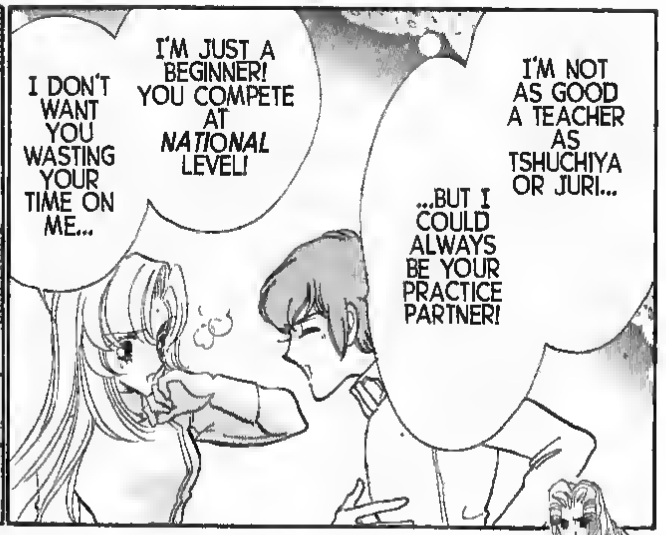
AW, NOT REALLY... DO YOU THINK?
YOU HAVE A NATURAL TALENT FOR THIS! I'D HEARD AS MUCH...
TOUGA...
RUKA HAS A NEW RECRUIT ON THE TEAM.
SHE'LL BE AN ASSET, DON'T YOU THINK?
WITH HER EXCELLENT ATHLETIC SKILLS, HE THOUGHT SHE SHOULD TRY FENCING.
LOOKING A BIT GREEN THERE, JURI.


WHAT EVER DO YOU MEAN?
HOW VERY PETTY, RUKA! WAS THAT TO SPITE ME?
IF YOU WANT THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN BACK THAT MUCH, YOU SHOULD JUST SAY SO!

MIKI KAORU AS CAPTAIN?

BUT I DON'T WANT IT BACK, JURI!
NOT IN THE LEAST.
BUT YOU CAN'T EVEN BOTHER TO SHOW UP FOR PRACTICE!
MAYBE I SHOULD NOMINATE AN UNDER-CLASSMAN...

BUT THANK YOU.
YOU GUYS SURE HAVE FUN.


I'M JUST A BEGINNER! YOU COMPETE AT NATIONAL LEVEL!
I DON'T WANT YOU WASTING YOUR TIME ON ME...
I'M NOT AS GOOD A TEACHER AS TSHUCHIYA OR JURI...
...BUT I COULD ALWAYS BE YOUR PRACTICE PARTNER!

WHOA...
Chu ...

UNH...
WHID
Chu!
HEY! WATCH IT!

TIP TSH

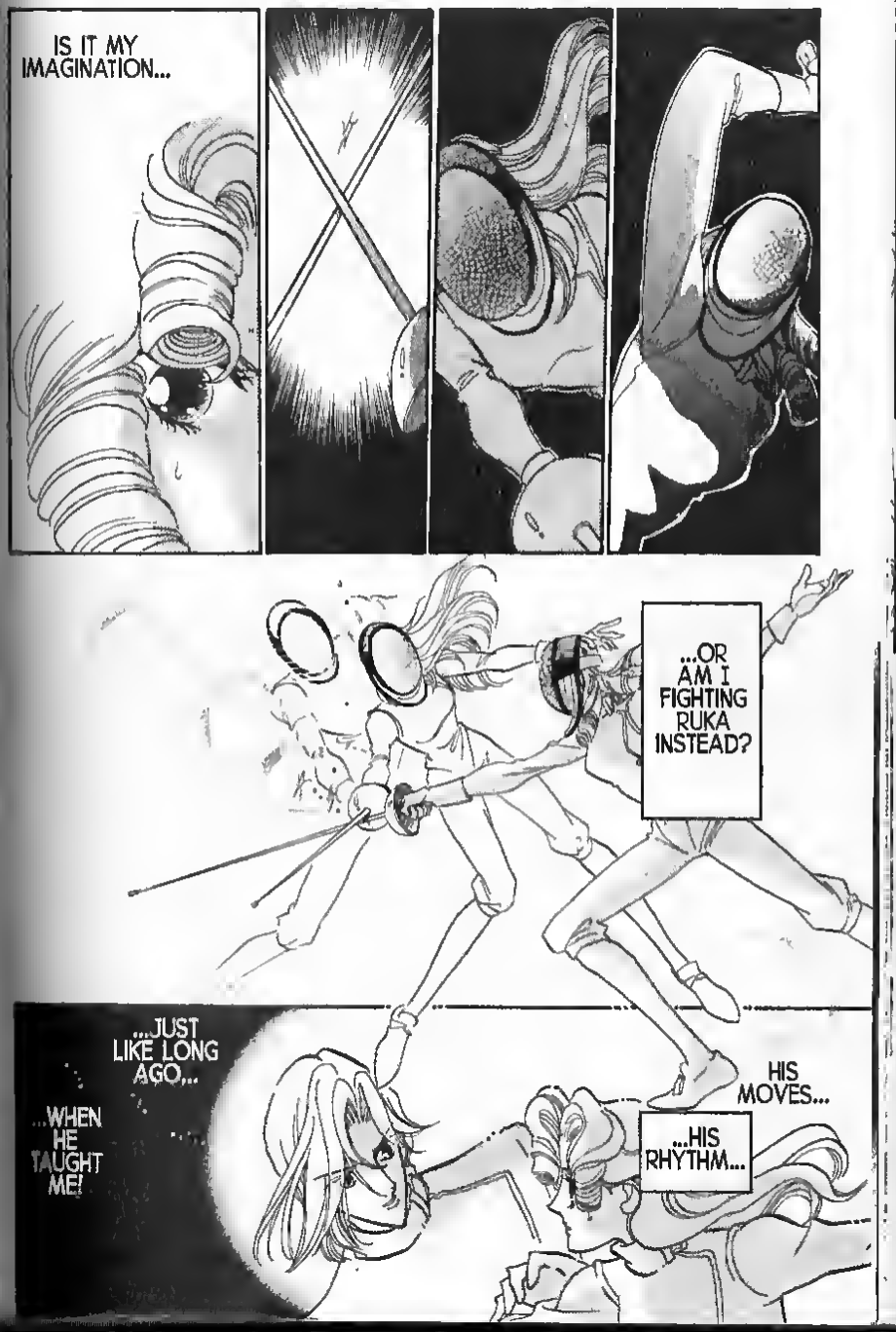
OF COURSE! WE *BOTH* KNOW HE'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME!
AH! THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
I KNEW SHE WASN'T GONE FOR GOOD...
...BUT IT'S STILL A RELIEF TO SEE A GLIMMER OF HER OLD SELF AGAIN!

I CAN PROVE THAT IN FRONT OF ANYONE.
EVEN IF I'M OUT OF PRACTICE, I WON'T LOSE TO MIKI.
THE TEAM WILL RESPECT SOMEONE GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT YOU. WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I SEE.
AND IF YOUR RUSTY SKILLS SHOULD *FAIL...*
THEN WE'LL HAVE A MATCH.

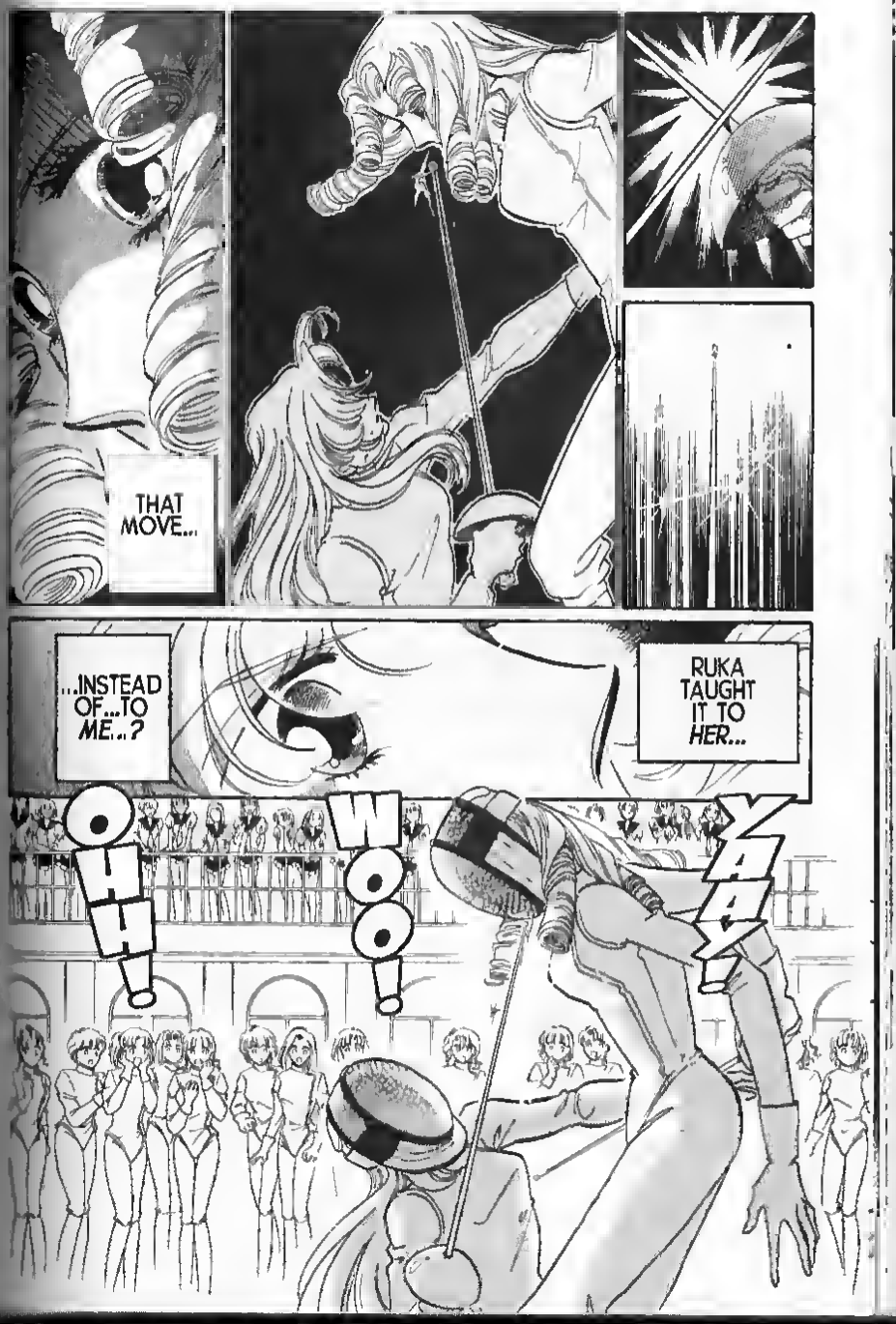
...THEN YOU SHALL YIELD YOUR WILL TO MINE!
IS IT A DEAL?

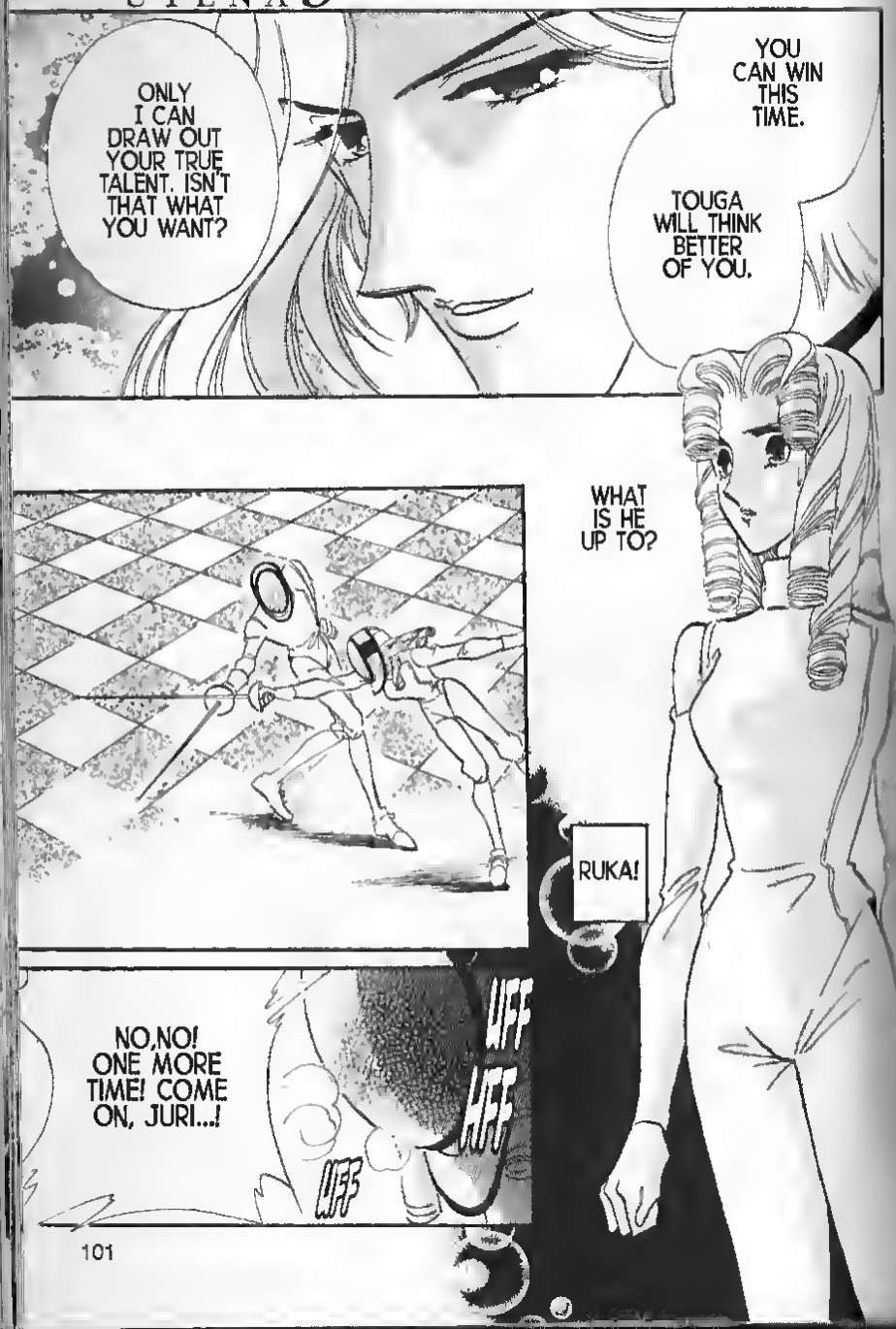
NO HOLDING BACK, PLEASE, JURI.
I WANT A REAL FIGHT.
UTENA TENJOU...?!
KLANG
...JUST HOW GOOD I AM!
IT'S TIME YOU KNEW...
A REAL FIGHT IT WILL BE!
...WITH THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN AT STAKE!
I HEAR IT'S A DUEL...
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
LADY UTENA!
FOR REAL?
WHAT?
LET'S GO!
GULP
YAY!
WOW!
...BUT I DIDN'T THINK...
WHAT THE...! B-BUT...

"RUKA!"
UTENA TENJOU!
"THE HOSPITAL. I'M SORRY."
"I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK..."
"RUKA, WAIT."
"YOU SAID YOU'D TEACH ME THAT MOVE!"
"TEACH ME HOW YOU STRIKE UP FROM BELOW."
"YOU SURE YOU'RE READY?"
"NO, NO... NOT LIKE THAT."
"I DON'T THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT."
"I...I HAVE TO GO."


IS IT MY IMAGINATION...
...OR AM I FIGHTING RUKA INSTEAD?
...JUST LIKE LONG AGO,...
...WHEN HE TAUGHT ME!
HIS MOVES...
...HIS RHYTHM...

WOW.
UTENA IS THE WINNER! SHE JUST BEAT JURI!
THAT'S IT, THEN... I LOST.
IT WAS PURE LUCK.
ALL I DID WAS MOVE THE WAY TSUCHIYA TAUGHT ME...
A LOSS IS A LOSS.
UTENA TENJOU CAN BE CAPTAIN, RUKA.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STEP DOWN.
BUT YOU DO OWE ME...
I WANT YOU TO DUEL HER ONCE MORE... IN THE DUELING FIELD.


THAT MOVE...
...INSTEAD OF...TO ME..?
RUKA TAUGHT IT TO HER...
OHH!
WOO!
YAAY!


ONLY I CAN DRAW OUT YOUR TRUE TALENT. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT?
YOU CAN WIN THIS TIME.
TOUGA WILL THINK BETTER OF YOU.
WHAT IS HE UP TO?
RUKA!
NO,NO! ONE MORE TIME! COME ON, JURI...!
UFF
UFF
UFF

THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD!
WIN *THIS* TIME...
...AND YOU WIN FOR ALL *ETERNITY!*
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO BLOCK THAT ATTACK.
RUKA?
BUT WHY...?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

HAAH!
WHY DO I WASTE MY TIME?
YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE UP *NOW?*
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU GOT IT!
TWIST FROM YOUR HIPS!
KLANG
USE THE RECOIL TO SLICE FROM RIGHT TO LEFT!
THAT'S RIGHT! STRIKE UP, AND THEN DEFLECT TO THE RIGHT.
KLANG
KLANG
GOOD!

POIK
YOU WIN...
YOU DID IT, JURI.
HA HA HA HA HA HA
OH...
THANK YOU, RUKA!
HEE
HEE
THE TECHNIQUES WE'VE MADE TOGETHER... THEY'RE INVINCIBLE!
YOU'VE BEATEN MY BEST ATTACK!

RUKA...

FENCING TEAM
HFF
HFF
URP...

WHY DON'T WE...
...TAKE A LITTLE BREAK.
YEAH...
...YOU LOOK A BIT PALE.
...IT'S STILL POUNDING.
MY HEART...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME...?

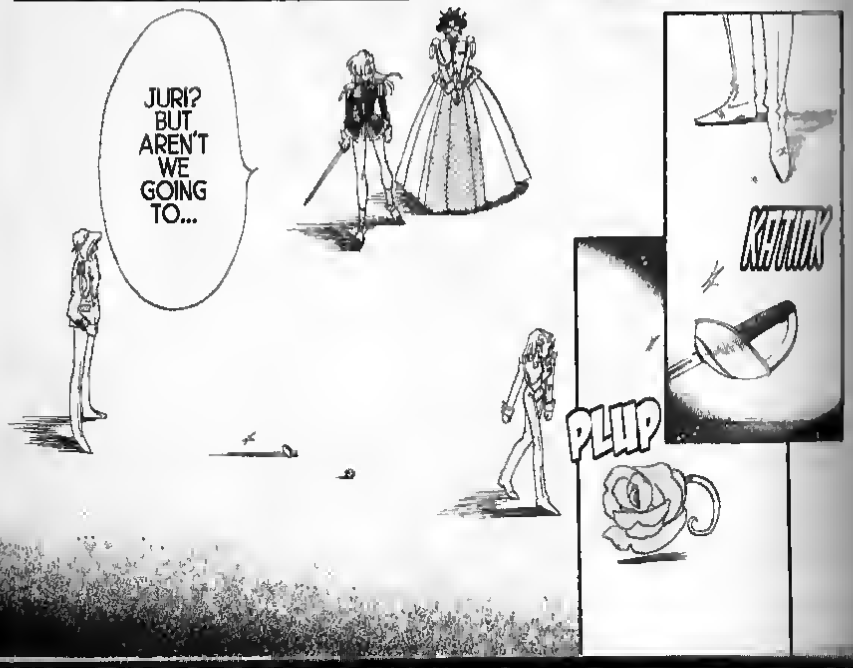
RUKA...
YEAH... FOR ME IT IS.
...IS IT THAT IMPORTANT TO MAKE JURI DUEL UTENA TENJOU?
THANK YOU, TOUGA... FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
...THE *RIVALRY* SHE FEELS TOWARD UTENA TENJOU...
HER *LOVE* FOR YOU...
JURI...
...SHE'S FINALLY AGREED TO GO THROUGH WITH IT.
IT WAS EASY TO SET HER UP.
...TOGETHER, THEY HAVE SET HER SOUL AFLAME! I KNOW HER BETTER THAN ANYONE.
RUKA... WHAT'S TAKING HIM SO LONG...?
IS HE... IS HE SICK?

RUKA.
ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU *SURE* YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER?
OF COURSE. OF COURSE I'M SURE...

SHAAA
THAT'S ALL SECONDARY! THE DUEL MUST COME FIRST!
RUKA! HOW COULD YOU...?!

"SET ME" UP...
THEN IT WAS ALL...
...SOME KIND OF CHARADE?
TO GET ME TO DUEL...?
I THINK THE ONE SHE LOVES IS YOU, RUKA.
SHE DOESN'T LOVE ME.
SHE JUST HASN'T REALIZED IT YET.
AFTER YOU LEFT...
...HER LOVE NEEDED A PLACE TO GO.
EVEN IF THAT WERE TRUE...
...I DON'T INTEND TO GO OUT WITH HER.

COME ON!
UNTIL ONE OF OUR ROSES FALLS...


JURI? BUT AREN'T WE GOING TO...
KLANK
PLUP

ARE YOU READY, JURI?
IT'S TIME.
JURI... I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.
YOU CAN WIN!

FWAP!
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS?!
I HAD NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR YOU...
...AND YOU WERE *LAUGHING* BEHIND MY BACK!
JURI... THE GIRL WHO'S ONLY GOOD FOR ONE THING-- FIGHTING!

I WON'T DUEL, RUKA.
NO. WE'RE NOT, UTENA TENJOU.
I'M NOT A TOOL TO PROVE YOUR EXPERTISE.
I DON'T *WANT* THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD.
...WAIT!
LET ME GO!
BUT... BUT, JURI...
I'M FINE...JUST THE WAY I AM.

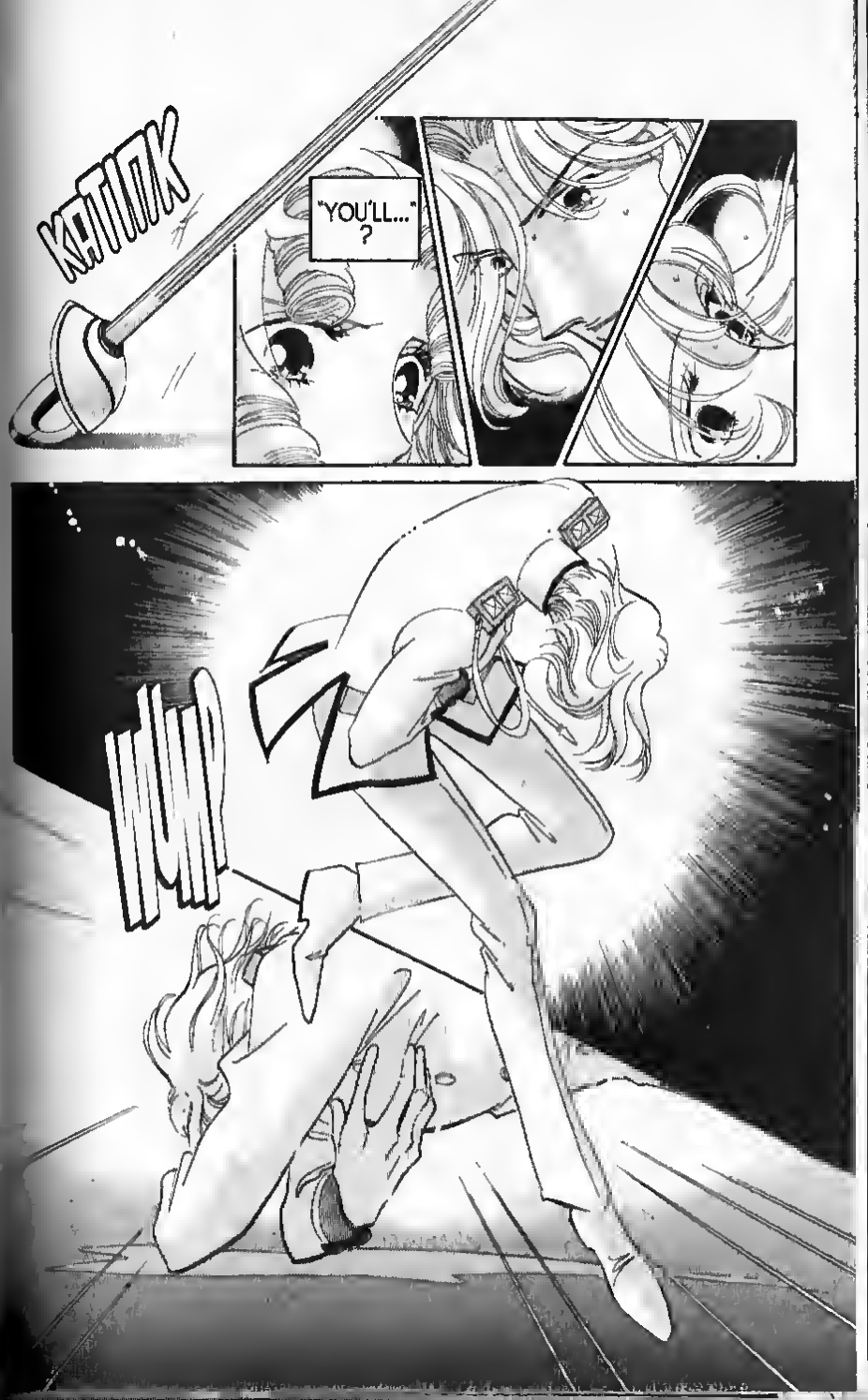
JURI, PLEASE... THAT'S NOT TRUE.
THAT... THAT'S NOT TRUE.
.....
I HEARD THAT YOU WERE THE VERY BEST.
WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE?
JURI!
YES. I ACCEPT.
I...I GUESS I'LL FIGHT YOU INSTEAD, UTENA TENJOU.

TO FINALLY PROVE YOUR SUPERIORITY?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, RUKA?
HAAH!
KLING
?!
...THE POWER... WHEN YOU FIGHT...
...WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE...
FOR YOU, JURI. TO SHOW YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THIS IS THE TECHNIQUE YOU AND I CAME UP WITH.
THIS IS *BOTH* OF US-- FIGHTING AS ONE.

IT'S SO... BEAUTIFUL...
KLANG
YOU... YOU MOVE WITH SUCH...
...POWER, RUKA! YOUR SKILL, YOUR GRACE...
YOU REALLY ARE... THE BEST DUELIST!
RUKA! YOU HAVE TO STOP!
IF YOU FIGHT ANY LONGER, YOU'LL...

RUKA...?!
DON'T MOVE HIM! HE'S...
RUKA, WHAT'S WRONG?
UNH... I...
ARE YOU HURT?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"YOU'LL..."
?
HMP

YOU TOOK OFF YOUR OWN?
YOUR OWN ROSE?
LET ME WIN? BUT WHY...?
YOU'D FORFEIT THE WHOLE MATCH?
OH, RUKA! WHY?
WHO KNOWS WHY?

PERHAPS BECAUSE I GLIMPSED A MOMENT OF ETERNITY.
EVEN IF I DIDN'T WIN THE DUEL...
...I KNEW I'D WON THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD...
WHA... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S HERE. THE POWER IS... RIGHT HERE.
IN YOUR HEART, JURI.
AND IN EACH TEAR THAT FALLS.
RUKA! BUT I DON'T...

SO...
...OFF ON A DATE, TOUGA?
NO. I...
COME HERE... WALK WITH ME.
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY...!

--HE DECIDED TO DO WHATEVER HE POSSIBLY COULD TO HELP HER...
...AND-- WITH ONLY A LITTLE TIME LEFT--
...WAS IN PAIN...
...IF HE FOUND OUT THAT THE ONE PERSON HE CARED ABOUT MOST...
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER...
...TO LEAVE WITHOUT A WORD?
KNOWING HOW SHE'D SUFFER WHEN YOU DIED?
...ONLY TO GO... FOR GOOD?
WOULD YOU WANT HER TO LOVE YOU BACK...
...WOULD YOU TELL HER HOW YOU FELT?
IF YOU WERE HE...

HE DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ME ANYTHING.
IN THE HOSPITAL AGAIN, ISN'T HE?
HAVE YOU HEARD FROM RUKA?
.....
...GOES WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT...
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
HE NEVER CONSIDERS THE FEELINGS OF THOSE HE LEAVES BEHIND...
...IF IT'S TOO MUCH TO BEAR.
...IF IT HURTS TOO MUCH....
THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN IT'S KINDER TO LEAVE WITHOUT A WORD...
FOR EXAMPLE... IF RUKA KNEW THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE...

...I DON'T BELIEVE IT. IT'S NOT TRUE...
NO... I...
RUKA IS *ALIVE*...
...I CAN *FEEL* IT! IN MY HEART...

WHAT IF RUKA HAD ONE LAST WISH...
"I'D GIVE UP THE LAST DAYS OF MY LIFE...
...TO SEE JURI FIGHT AGAIN, IN ALL HER GLORY."
"EVEN IF I AM TO DIE...
"WHEN I SAW HER TEARS FOR ME, I KNEW...
...PLEASE DON'T TELL JURI."
...I'D HOLD THAT MOMENT IN MY HEART FOREVER."

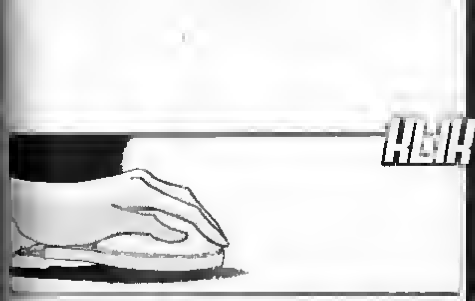
WON'T SOMEONE BREAK MY HOURGLASS ?
MY HOURGLASS HAS BEEN STOPPED, SINCE THAT NIGHT...
SINCE THAT NIGHT...
HE'LL BE BACK SOME DAY!
"THAT'S MY JURI FOR YOU."
...I BET SHE WON'T BELIEVE IT."
"EVEN IF YOU TELL HER...

黒バラの刻印

THE BLACK ROSE SEAL

A DEEP AZURE SHADOW: THE END

BEEP
...KYOUICHI SAIONJI...
KLIK
...UTENA TENJOU...
THE SWORD OF DIOS...
...THE POWER TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD!
IS THIS UTENA TENJOU?
IF WE DEFEAT HER, WE'LL GET THE POWER...OF MIRACLES.
SOUJI...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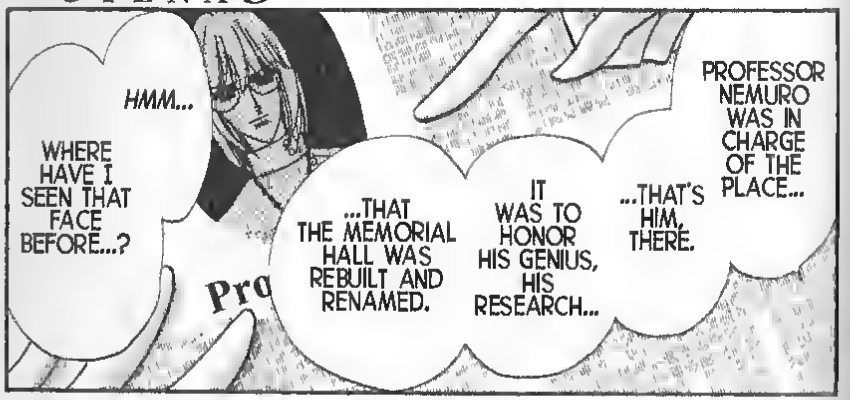
THE GIRL WHO FIRST TOUCHED THE POWER OF DIOS...

BEEP
UTENA TENJOU
OHTORI ACADEMY
8TH GRADE

FOR SO LONG...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR SO LONG.

...THE ROSE SEAL...
BEEP
...THE ROSE BRIDE...
BEEP
...THEY'RE STILL A TEAM, HAVING FUN.
...AND WHILE ANTHY REMAINS A MYSTERY TO HER...
SHE WINS THE DUELS.
A PAIR, LIKE YOU AND ME.
SHE'S ENGAGED TO ANTHY HIMEMIYA.
MAMIYA ?
HOW I HATE THEM...
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN BED...
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'LL FIND A CURE FOR YOU.
AND IF A DUEL IS THE ONLY WAY...
..THEN I WILL DEFEAT UTENA TENJOU, MAMIYA...
...FOR YOU!
I...I DON'T WANT TO DIE...
GET DIOS FOR ME!
BRING ME THE POWER TO LIVE FOREVER !
MIRACLES ARE ALL I HAVE LEFT.
YOU HAVE MY WORD...

UTENA TENJOU.
THERE SHE IS.
UTENA?
IS MY MIND PLAYING TRICKS?
OH MY GOSH!
WHAT?
...I SEE THAT GUY!
EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND THESE DAYS...
OH, MY! I DON'T...
HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
EEEK!♡
HE WAS LOOKING AT YOU, UTENA?
YOU DON'T KNOW HIM?! BUT HE'S FAMOUS!
MIKAGE?
MY NAME IS SOUJI MIKAGE.
EXCUSE ME, UTENA.
HE RUNS THE MIKAGE SEMINARS! EVEN COLLEGE PROFESSORS ATTEND...
THE HIGH SCHOOL PRODIGY!
YOU KNOW!
ME? BUT WHY?
I'M ALWAYS LATE ON HOMEWORK, OR FAILING MY TESTS...
I'VE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT YOU.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN MY SEMINAR?
I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW.
WE'LL TALK MORE THEN.
PLEASE, COME VISIT ME IN THE NEMURO MEMORIAL HALL.
THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN THAT!


HMM...
WHERE HAVE I SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE...?
...THAT THE MEMORIAL HALL WAS REBUILT AND RENAMED.
IT WAS TO HONOR HIS GENIUS, HIS RESEARCH...
...THAT'S HIM, THERE.
PROFESSOR NEMURO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PLACE...

INTO NEMURO MEMORIAL HALL? YUCK! IT *IS* CREEPY...
HIME-MIYA?
HIME-MIYA ...
Chu chu!
HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
THAT WAY?
Chu!
...GO OFF WITHOUT TELLING ME AGAIN?
DID SHE...

THEY'RE BRILLIANT, WITHOUT A DOUBT...
I DIDN'T GO, THAT'S ALL.
...AND MIKAGE SEEMS TO KNOW *EVERYTHING!*
BUT THAT NEMURO MEMORIAL CREEPED ME OUT...
IN WHAT WAY?
...TO VISIT HIM?
HE ASKED *YOU*...
ANYTHING I WANT TO KNOW...?
I MEAN, I WAS INVITED TO THE SEMINAR ONCE, BUT...
HOW VERY ODD!
MIKI!
I'M SORRY! NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT I'M *STUPID?*
THEY WERE *BURIED ALIVE?!*
OHTORI ACADEMY: A History
HUNDREDS OF BOYS WERE THERE-- TAKING PART IN SOME SECRET EXPERIMENTS. THEY WERE BURIED ALIVE...
WELL...
...SEEMS IT BURNED DOWN DECADES AGO!

YES.
BUT YOU KNOW HIMEMIYA WELL, I TAKE IT?
NO.
WAS HIME-MIYA IN YOUR SEMINAR?
WHY DID SHE COME HERE?
...WHY SHE SNEAKS OUT OF BED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
I COULD TELL YOU...
...ALL HER SECRETS!
I KNOW EVERYTHING SHE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW...
...FOR EXAMPLE...
WELL, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF, OKAY? IF HIMEMIYA HAS SECRETS SHE DOESN'T WANT ME TO KNOW...
...THEN I DON'T NEED TO HEAR ABOUT IT!

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE ROSE BRIDE, AREN'T YOU?
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
AH! HERE AT LAST.
I'VE BEEN WAIT-ING.
THIS WAY...
...I'LL LEAD YOU TO HER.
THERE'S NOTHING I DON'T KNOW.
COME IN...
WELCOME TO NEMURO MEMORIAL HALL, UTENA.

HIME-MIYA...
YOU'RE ALL DRESED UP.
HELLO, LADY UTENA...
THAT RING! IT'S...
...A BLACK ROSE SEAL?
UTENA TENJOU! DUEL WITH ME... FOR HER!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK!
I'D LIKE TO GO NOW.
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR.
I'LL TRUST WHAT SHE TELLS ME..
...NOT WHAT I HEAR FROM OTHERS.
YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE THE TRUTH.
YOUR HIGH PRINCIPLES ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A CONVENIENT RATIONALIZATION FOR YOUR DENIAL.
I'M SURE YOU WOULD.
BUT I'M NOT LETTING YOU LEAVE. NOT YET.

...MAMIYA

KA
TANG
...OF THE BLACK ROSE SEAL!

A DUEL!
TWO LIVES AT RISK!
THAT IS THE CODE...

THIS IS WEIRD!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

...THE CODE OF THE BACK ROSE SEAL!
THE BLACK ROSE SEAL WAS ALSO SENT BY "WORLD'S END"...
...AND THE DUEL MUST BE CONDUCTED BY ITS CODE...
HIME-MIYA?
HE'S A BLACK ROSE DUELIST.

WITH HIMEMIYA GONE, I SHALL MAKE MAMIYA MY NEW ROSE BRIDE.
THE POWER OF DIOS...THE SECRET TO ETERNITY!

THIS IS FOR YOU...
ETERNAL LIFE WILL BE YOURS!

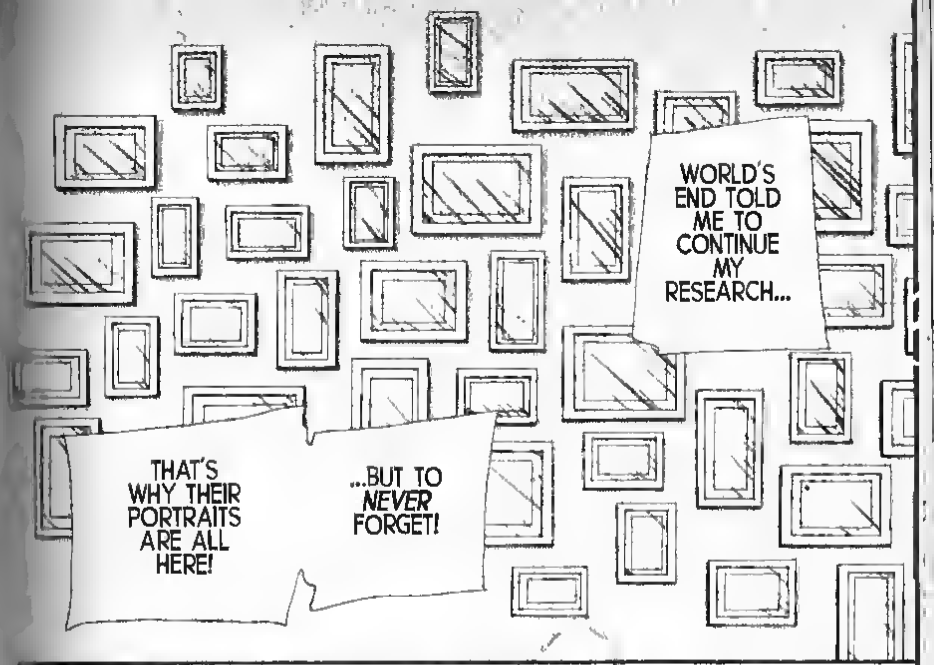
WHAT...? IS HE NUTS?

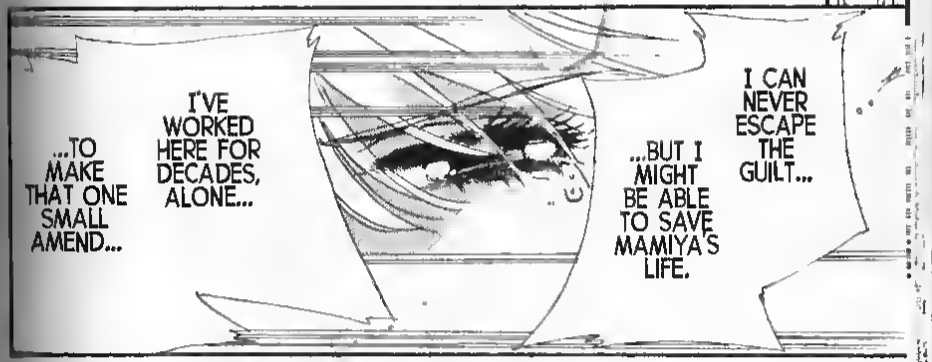
...SHALL BE MINE-- TO KILL!
I WILL WIN THIS DUEL. HIMEMIYA ...

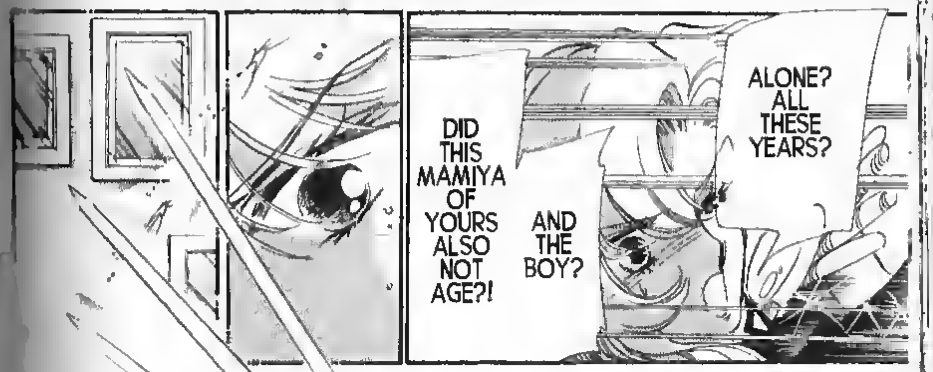
Prof. Nemu
PROFESSOR NEMURO?! B-BUT...
KLANG
YOU'RE THE SAME MAN?!
NO WAY...
WHY HAVEN'T YOU AGED?!
KAKANG
NOTHING HAS EVER BEEN THE SAME!
...I WAS SENT THE BLACK ROSE SEAL BY WORLD'S END.
THE NIGHT OF THE FIRE...
THAT'S THE ONE THING I DO NOT KNOW...

YEARS OF RESEARCH TO MAKE ETERNITY MINE...
BECAUSE I'VE FAILED!
TELL ME!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS?
BURIED ALIVE?!
BUT ONE HUNDRED BOYS DIDN'T CRAWL UP FROM THE ASH!
I DUG MY WAY OUT.
THE FIRE?
...AND IT ALL WENT UP IN SMOKE!

KLANG
I'VE WON FOR YOU... MAMIYA...
YOU SEE? I'VE WON.


WORLD'S END TOLD ME TO CONTINUE MY RESEARCH...
...BUT TO NEVER FORGET!
THAT'S WHY THEIR PORTRAITS ARE ALL HERE!


...TO MAKE THAT ONE SMALL AMEND...
I'VE WORKED HERE FOR DECADES, ALONE...
...BUT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE MAMIYA'S LIFE.
I CAN NEVER ESCAPE THE GUILT...


DID THIS MAMIYA OF YOURS ALSO NOT AGE?!
AND THE BOY?
ALONE? ALL THESE YEARS?

SLAM
!
?!
HIMEMIYA!
LADY UTENA!
THIS BOY CALLED MAMIYA...
WHY HAVEN'T WE SEEN HIM?
MAMIYA ONLY EXISTS... IN YOUR *MIND!*
HE'S *GONE!*

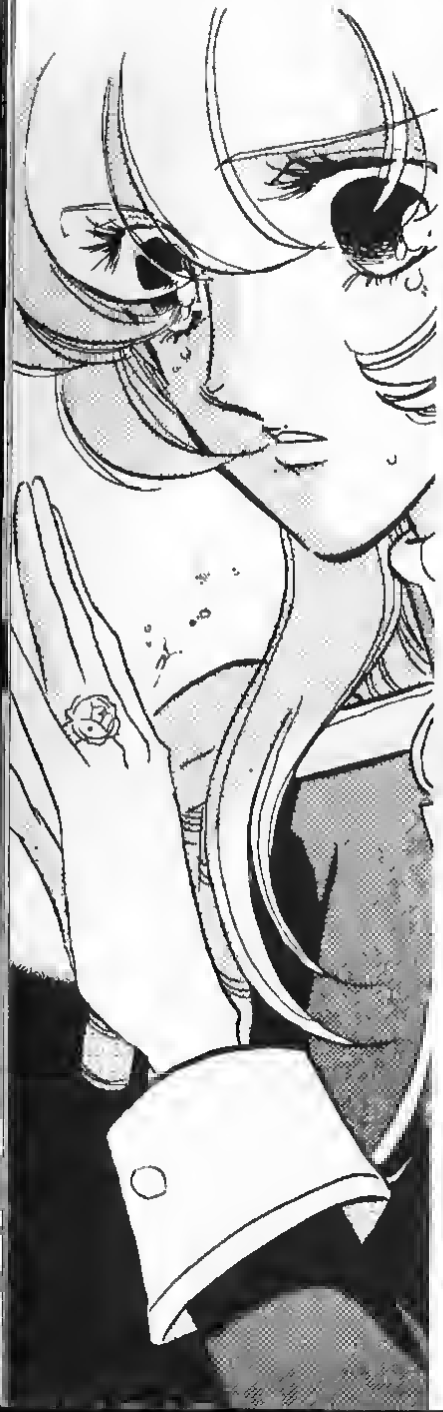
DID HE DIE WITH THE REST...
...IN THAT FIRE, SO MANY DECADES AGO?
THIS? BUT I...
...I THOUGHT THESE PORTRAITS WERE THE BOYS WHO...
MAMIYA... BUT YOU... YOU CAN'T BE...
IS MAMIYA ONE OF THEM?
IS HE... *DEAD?*
!
THSH

...HOW COULD YOU GO ON LIVING, MIKAGE?
YOU WERE USED...
...LIKE ALL OF US--A TOOL OF WORLD'S END.
A LIE...
...BUT WITHOUT IT..
MY BELOVED MAMIYA IS DEAD.
AND IT'S MY FAULT.
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO...
WMSH
...BUT BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE!
I'LL KILL THE ROSE BRIDE...
...AND TAKE THE POWER OF DIOS!
IF I COULD SAVE JUST ONE...
...THE PAST WOULD END...
...MY LIFE COULD START ANEW!
AH...
HE ONLY... IN MY... MIND...?
ALL ALONE, FOR DECADES ...
...WAS IT JUST TOO MUCH TO BEAR?!

AT LAST, SHE'S COME...
MY HOURGLASS HAS BEEN STOPPED, SINCE THAT NIGHT...
FOOOO!
HIMEMIYA ...
...TO BREAK MY HOUR-GLASS...
...AND SET ME FREE!
SINCE THAT NIGHT...

BECAUSE OF YOU... I CAN FINALLY REST HERE... WITH MAMIYA...
YOU TWO GO ON.
I'D LIKE TO STAY.
MIKAGE! COME WITH US! HURRY!
THANK YOU... SO MUCH.
RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
THE HALL! IT'S COMING DOWN!
WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

THE BLACK ROSE SEAL: THE END



EDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Like Revolutianory Girl Utena? Here are three more books we think yau'll enjoy:

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BASARA:
Into Japan's post-apocalyptic future walks a child of destiny. An epic tale of hope and salvotian from Yumi Tomura. Highly recommended.

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BOYS OVER FLOWERS, HANA YORI DANGO:
There's a war going on at Eitoku Academy: It's one girl against a gang of snobby boys. Who will win? Only artist Yoko Komio knows for sure.

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WEDDING PEACH:
Meet Angel Lily, Angel Daisy and, of course, Wedding Peach: Three young girls blessed with the power of love. From the pen of Nao Yazawa comes the most charming of all magical girl comics.

"Utena" got underway as a version of the classic "prince rescues the girl" story. As a concept for entertainment, it was easy to understand. And it should have been acceptable to both the "girls" in the audience and to society at large. But the work, that suddenly took up the lives of everyone connected with it, became a complete reversal of the original concept. The fault lies in the "Utena" that was made by real-live people, us. But tears come to my eyes when I think that this glorious "Utena" was created by the too-human faults of the creators.

CHIHO SAITO

The last scene of this story represents the type of life that I wanted for myself when I was a teenager. Although I wished for "freedom," in the end, my teenage self didn't have the courage to break "outside the box" (the box of the world that adults have made). Since then, a lot of time has passed, and finally I found the courage necessary to break "outside the box." I've decided that, like Anthy, I'd find my Utena (freedom), and make a life for myself "outside the box."

KUNIHIKO IKUHARA

BE-PAPAS:
A group of highly creative people founded by director Kunihiho Ihuhara (SAILOR MOON, SCHELL BULLET) and including such storied members as master manga artist Chiho Saito (KAKAN NO MADONNA, LADY MASQUERADE) and Animator Shinya Hasegawa (EVANGELION). Their collaboration produced the Utena TV series and the movie, REVOLUTIONARY GIRL UTENA: THE ADOLESCENCE OF UTENA, and recently they have produced a new work called THE WORLD OF S&M.